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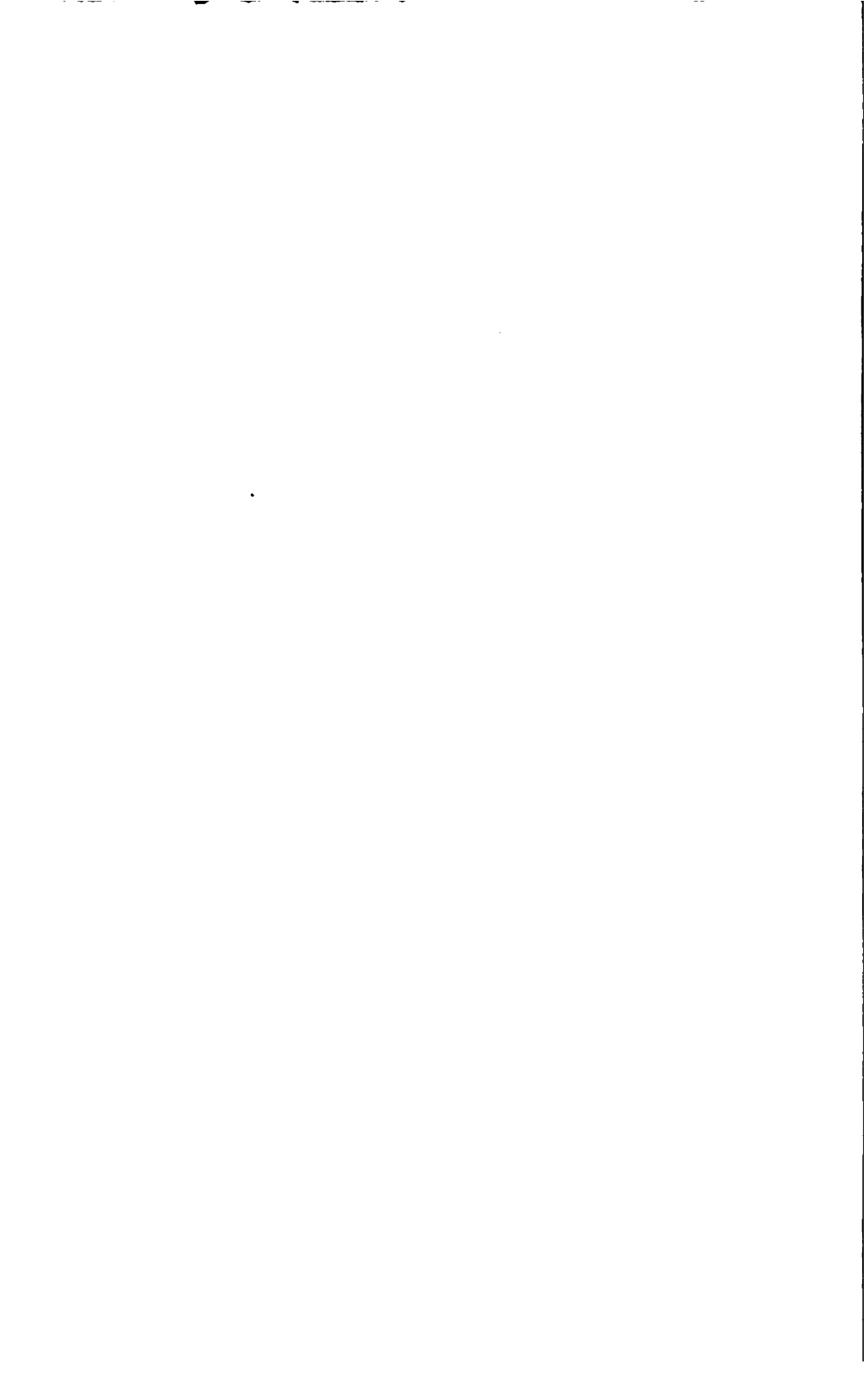
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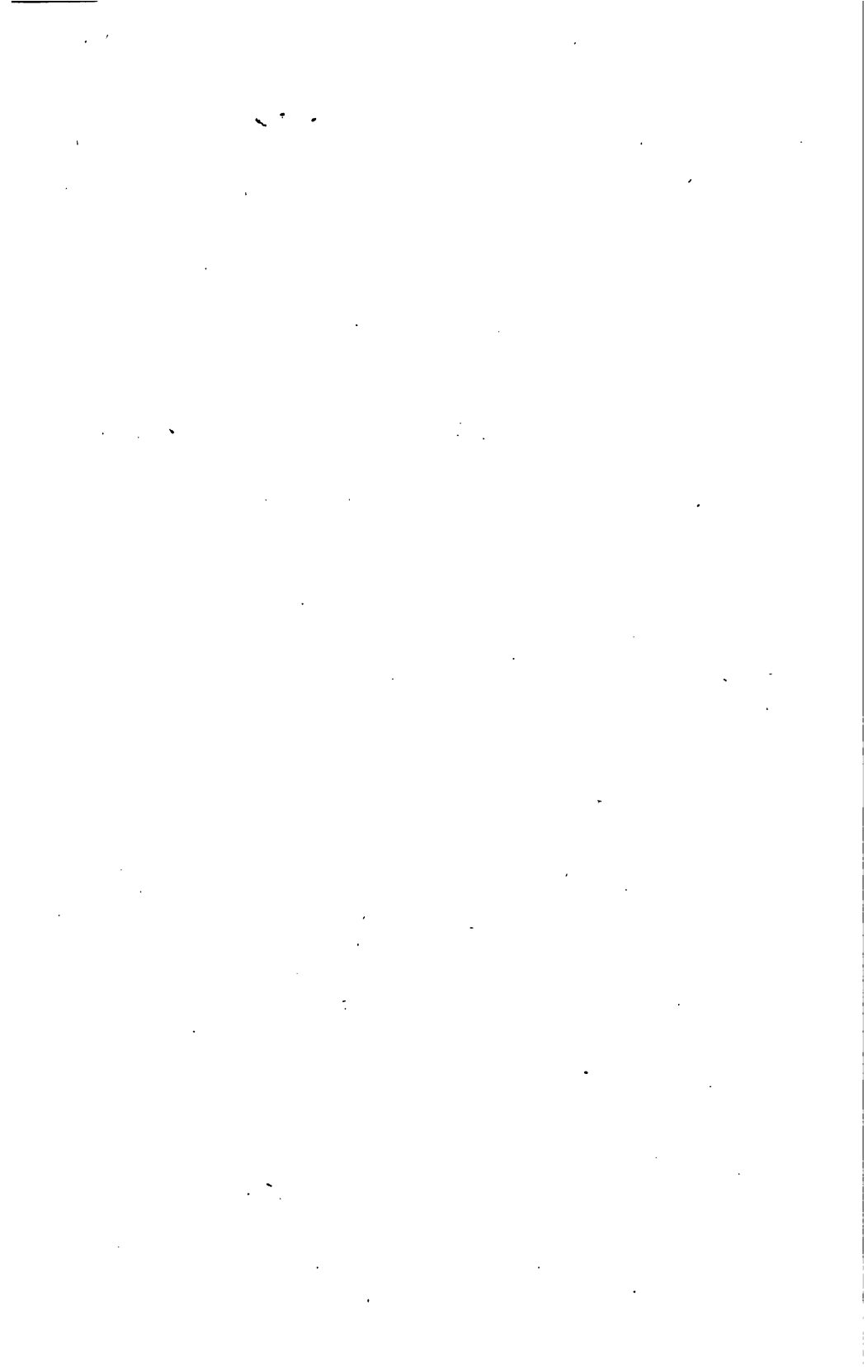
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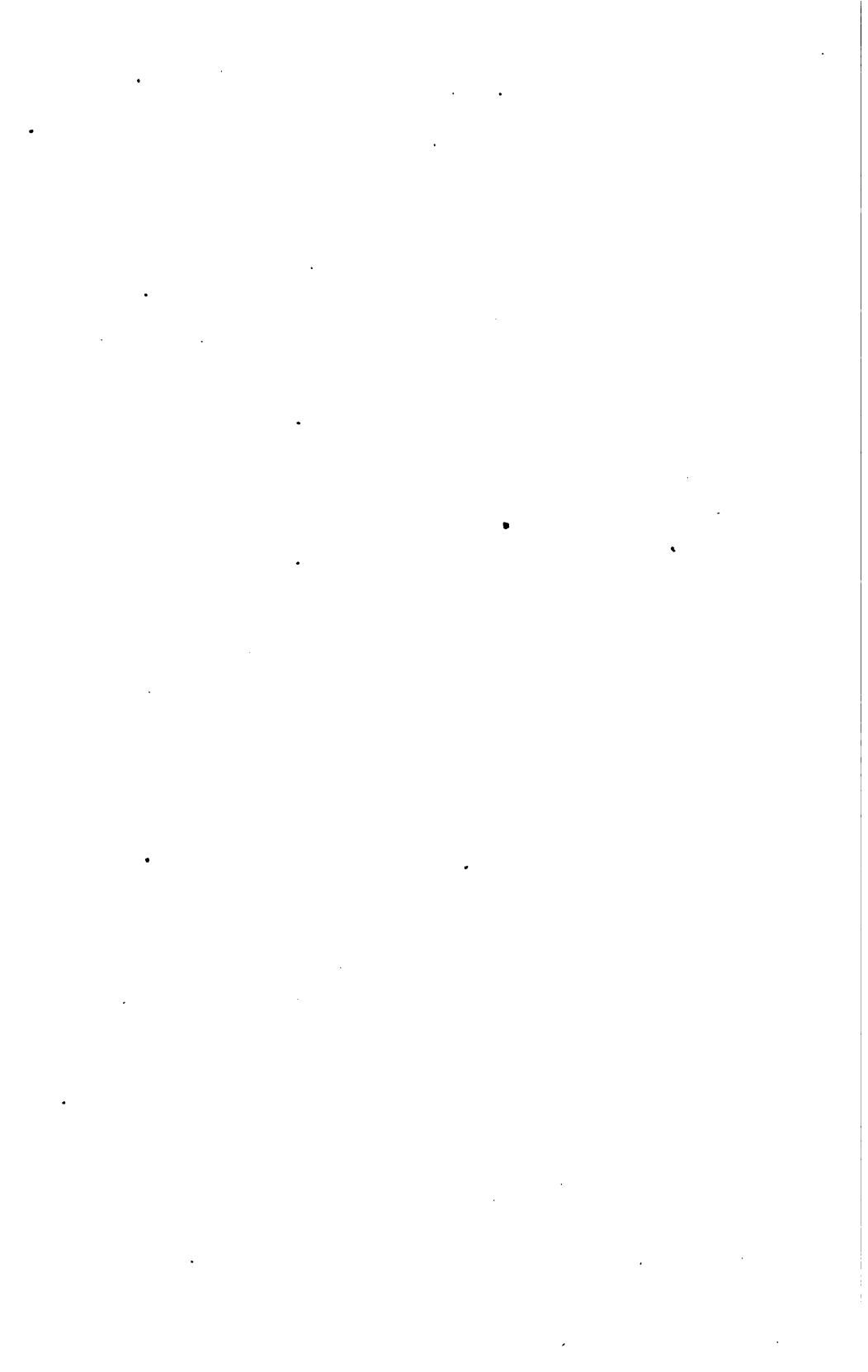
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*To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen—Your Board of Park Commissioners present this, their Eighth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1903, together with a statement of their disbursements, vouchers for the same being on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

#### HAMPTON PARK.

This Park, situated on Rutledge Avenue, and extending from said Avenue to the Ashley River, contains that part of the grounds of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition Company, known as the "Sunken Gardens," and that tract of land on the Ashley River known as "Rhett Farm."

At the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held July 8, 1903, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Park Commissioners heartily approve of the suggestion that the new park be called "Hampton Park," and do earnestly recommend the City Council to so designate it.

Charleston, S. C., May 25, 1903.

*To the Board of Park Commissioners:*

Gentlemen—At a meeting of the Committee on the Charleston Memorial to Gen. Wade Hampton the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the chairman be requested to communicate with the proper authorities and request that the new park on the site of the recent Exposition be called "Hampton Park."

In pursuance of the above resolution I have the honor to transmit to your honorable body the request of the committee of twenty-three.

With great respect, I am, yours

THEODORE G. BARKER,

Chairman.

*Resolved*, That the Board of Park Commissioners believe that within the limits of this park, so named, will

be found the most appropriate site for the erection of a suitable monument to commemorate the unswerving loyalty and devotion of Gen. Wade Hampton to his native city.

*Resolved*, That the chairman appoint a committee of three to co-operate with the committee on Charleston Memorial to Gen. Wade Hampton, and a similar committee from City Council, to take steps for the accomplishment of this solemn duty.

In accordance with the above, the Board of Park Commissioners would ask the approval of City Council to the naming of this new park as "Hampton Park," and that the Mayor appoint a committee of three Aldermen to co-operate with the committees herein named for the purpose herein set forth.

*Resolved*, To recommend to City Council the purchase of the entire tract of land known as the Rhett Farms, for the sum of \$35,000; payable, on approval of the titles by corporation counsel, as follows: \$15,000 cash, and the balance in four equal annual payments of \$5,000 each, deferred payments carrying interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and said annual payments of \$5,000 to be made on the first day of July, in the years 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907. Rentals of the lands from July 1, 1903, to go to the Board of Park Commissioners, and interest on deferred payments to begin July 1, 1903.

Under the above the Park Commissioners would ask that they be authorized to make said purchase on said terms, subject to the approval of the Ways and Means Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted and favorable action asked thereon.

SAMUEL LAPHAM,

Chairman Park Commissioners.

W. G. JEFFORDS, Secretary.

The above report was unanimously confirmed by City Council on July 14th, 1904, and Messrs. Smyth, Kroeg and Storen, from the Park Board, and Messrs. Lapham, Frost and Riley, from City Council, were appointed on

the above recommended committee to serve with the committee from Gen. Wade Hampton Memorial Association, of Charleston, S. C.

Since the close of the Exposition the care of the "Sunken Gardens" and the policing of the grounds of said Company has been done and performed under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, as immediately after the closing of the Exposition that Company dispensed with their guards, gardeners, etc., and left everything appertaining to care and order to be assumed by this Board, while at the same time that Company endeavored to sell and remove, from the grounds purchased by the city, everything of value. As the "Sunken Gardens" were a feature of the Exposition the Board of Park Commissioners have continued them as a feature of this Park, at a considerable expense, owing to the fact that much of the construction was of a temporal character, and had to be renewed.

The Band Stand has been remodeled and rebuilt and concerts will be given at stated intervals. A Railway Station has been erected and the Consolidated Railway, Gas and Electric Company, have in connection with their King Street Line, extended their tracks to this Station, and thus the Park is easy of access from all parts of the city and at a five cent fare. A roadway has been laid out from Rutledge Avenue to the plaza on the north, and also a roadway constructed on the east and south sides of this Park, approaching the plaza on the west, and other roadways are in process of being built. Walks have been made from the Railway Station connecting with the walks around the "Sunken Gardens" and to the Band Stand and plaza. This entire tract was destitute of trees when purchased and over one thousand trees have been planted along these walks and roadways, which will in a short time give the desired shade. Suitable public comforts, greenhouses, arbors, etc., have been erected, and a telegraph line connecting the Park with the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph been built, and as soon as the Pavilion is built telephonic connection can be had with the entire



city. The following statuary, purchased from the Exposition Company, has been placed on permanent bases:

1. Huguenot Group by Miss Elsie Ward, of Missouri.
2. Indian Group by Carl Tefft, of New York.
3. Negro Group by Charles Lopez, of New York.
4. Colonial Group by Oscar Lenz, of New York.
5. Aztec Group by Louis A. Gudebrod, of New York.

The above being of original design, and a number of other works, being reproductions of notable works of famous sculptors, among which are

The Equestrian Statue of Washington by French.

The "Bronco Buster," by Borglum, etc., etc.

All of which attract the interest of lovers of art and add materially to the beauty of this part of the Park.

The Nursery formerly established at Chicora Park has been removed to Hampton Park and will here be continued on a larger scale. A small portion of this Park has been placed in charge of the Agricultural Society for the purposes of an experimental station for grasses and grains suitable to this section, and is an instructive feature to all interested in agriculture. The efforts of the Commissioners have been and will be exerted in keeping up the "Sunken Gardens" and plaza and the walks and roadways connected therewith, and as funds are available to extend the walks and roadways to the Ashley River and to provide shade trees therefor, but slow will be the improvement of the tract between the "Sunken Gardens" and Plaza and the Ashley River, unless City Council increases its appropriation for the Park Department, as the care and maintenance requires to a large extent the full appropriation made for Hampton Park.

#### CHICORA PARK.

The area of this Park having been further curtailed by the sale to the U. S. Navy Department of ninety acres for a site for a Naval Hospital in connection with the Navy Yard there established, it has been deemed best to discontinue this Park as such, and with the funds obtained from the sale of this land has been purchased

"Hampton Park," above described, and also a lot of land on Lucas street, opposite the City Hospital, in order that the space in front of the City Hospital might not be built upon in such a manner as might affect this Institution in an undesirable way.

To the Sale of Chicora Park Account has been charged the cost of eliminating a claimed right of way by E. P. Burton & Co., over that portion of Chicora Park purchased from Noisette and sold to the United States, and this alleged claim, under the advice of the Mayor and corporation counsel, was extinguished by the building of a bridge across Noisette creek at an expense of \$2,750—and giving a right of way, under certain limitations, to the Station of the Electric Line near the Navy Yard Entrance, and the payment to them of \$1,000—all of which is fully set out in a deed as to the same, and done under a resolution of City Council authorizing the Mayor to do all and any acts necessary to deed to the United States the land for a Navy Yard, free of all encumbrances.

#### UPPER WARD'S PARKS.

The parks in this sub-division, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Storen, the Chairman of the committee in charge of these parks, have received due care and attention and been kept up in every particular.

#### LOWER WARD'S PARKS.

are in charge of a committee of this Board of which Mr. Waring P. Carrington is Chairman, and under his direction much attention has been given to White Point Garden and the Battery. Many trees, shrubs and flowers have been set out, walks re-newed, pavement to High Battery repaired and Cannon Park received much care and attention and the

#### AUDITORIUM.

has been repaired at considerable expense, and in view of the demand for more accommodations for school children in this section, and the very few occasions on which the Auditorium is used, it is recommended by the Board

that some arrangements be made with the Board of School Commissioners to convert this building, which can be easily done, into a School House to be called the

THOMSON MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

and thus relieve the crowded condition of the Bennett School for white children and many children who are now attending the Crafts School would find a school on Rutledge Avenue and Bennett Street much more convenient.

IN GENERAL.

with the limited amount of money at the disposal of the Park Commissioners they have endeavored to give the best results possible, and they earnestly desire that City Council will increase the appropriation for parks to as large an amount as is possible with a reasonable tax rate.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAPHAM, Chairman.

W. G. JEFFORDS, Secretary.

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*Disbursements of the Board of Park Commissioners for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1903.*

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*Chicora Park.*

Balance construction of Water		
Plant.....	\$ 2,203.06	
Nursery trees and shrubs.....	386.75	
Operating Water Plant.....	983.28	
Cash payment Burton right of way.....	1,000.00	
Attorneys fees.....	20.00	\$5,934.09

*Hampton Park.*

Labor, gardener, watchman and police.....	\$3,686.02
Material, trees, etc.....	961.65
Construction roadways, drains, etc.....	392.17
Construction new buildings and plans .....	2,691.00

Repairs statuary, arbor, stands, etc.....	481.30	
Insurance.....	63.00	
Interest—6 mos. balance pur- chase money on Rhett Farm, at 4 per cent.....	400.00	\$9,274.53

*Upper Ward's Parks.*

Labor and care of parks.....	491.15	
Trees and shell .....	76.30	\$567.45

*Lower Ward's Parks.*

Labor, care and material.....	\$ 752.00	
Repairs pavements, benches, etc.....	155.80	
Trees, shrubs and materials...	701.25	
Auditorium—Insurance and re- pairs.....	1,381.54	\$2,990.59

*Incidentals.*

Mounted police.....	\$ 600.00	
Salary secretary.....	150.00	
Printing, stationary, transpor- tation, etc.....	146.03	\$ 896.03

*Transactions of Sale of Chicora Park Funds.*

Balance from 1902.....	\$35,501.00	
Sale to A. C. Line, right of way, net proceeds	725.50	
		\$36,226.50
Purchase land Lucas Street oppos- ite City Hospital.....	\$ 3,302.75	
Purchase land of the U. S. and re- cording titles.....	22.14	
Purchase money Rhett Farm, and interest.....	15,220.00	
Cost Burton bridge and roadway...	2,750.00	
	\$21,294.89	
Balance forward to 1904.....	14,931.61	\$36,226.50

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## NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council.

Gentlemen: Your Board of Park Commissioners would present this their ninth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1904, together with a statement of their expenditures, vouchers for same are on file with the City Treasurer.

### CHICORA PARK.

This tract is no longer kept up as a Park, as per last year's report, the area sold to the United States as a site for a Naval Station and Naval Hospital, disposed of all of the river front of this Park, and included all of the improved portion of Park, and left only the pine timber tract and some acres of cleared land which is suitable only for building sites. The Board, unless otherwise instructed, propose to hold these lands until such time as the Naval Station is completed, in order that the city may be in a position to furnish the Navy Department with more land should they require any additional space and if not to cut up the same into building lots and from the sale of the same obtain funds for the contemplated improvements at Hampton Park. Mr. A. F. C. Cramer is Chairman of committee in charge.

### UPPER WARD'S PARKS.

The parks and pieasure grounds of this division have been kept up in every respect and everything needful thereto has been done within the appropriation, by the committee on same of which Mr. W. J. Storen is Chairman.

### LOWER WARD'S PARKS.

The Battery has been well taken care of and many trees and shrubs have been planted, the walks re-shelled,

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## UPPER WARDS PARKS.

The parks of this division are all in good condition and Hampstead Mall has been much improved. Columbus Street having been extended through the Mall to the new Union Passenger Station, the roadway was laid by the Board of Public Works and the cement sidewalks to the same were laid by the Park Commissioners. Eighty trees have been planted in this park and a row of trees placed on either side of the Columbus Street extension, and on the park side of the sidewalk a hedge set out that will in time add to the beauty of this park and also divide the street proper from the park lands. The extension of Columbus Street entailed a re-location of water pipes and drains and the removal of the band stand to another part of the grounds, all of which has been completed.

On Aiken Park around the same a fence has been erected and within this fence a hedge has been set out and as soon as this hedge assumes sufficient size the fence will be removed, and the turf will be replanted the coming year and with special grass seed therefor, in order to endeavor to improve the appearance of this park, if it be possible.

## LOWER WARDS PARKS:

The Battery and White Point Garden have been much improved, many trees and shrubs set out and new flower beds laid out and planted in order to add to the beauty of this park during the Spring and summer months. The other parks of this division have received due care and attention.

The Thomson Auditorium was loaned at the request of the Mayor, to the Board of City Hospital Commissioners, for use as a temporary hospital, during the period of the erection of the new Roper Hospital, now completed, and has been thrown back on the hands of the Park Commissioners in very bad condition, as on December 31st, 1905 the term of the Board of City Hospital Commissioners expired and the trustees of the Roper Hospital have since then removed the patients to the new Roper Hospital, and there being no longer in existence a Board of Commissioners to whom the Board of Parks could look to make good the agreement to turn back the Auditorium in

good order and condition, an appropriation will have to be asked for the same.

### IN CONCLUSION:

The final payment on the Rhett Farm will be made March 1st, 1906, and the cost of this purchase will be as follows:

Purchase price .....	..\$35,000.00
Interest on deferred payments.....	<u>1.886.66</u> -36,886.66

Thus the City has secured from the extension of Hampton Park to the Ashley River a tract of land necessary thereto at a reasonable sum. As it will be some years before the Park Commissioners can make any improvements on this tract, they have therefore rented the available planting land thereon at an annual rental of \$15.00 per acre. Thus, not only is the land kept in a condition pleasing to the eye at no expense whatsoever, but an income is secured therefrom and this income should be placed to the credit of the Board of Park Commissioners in order that funds may be at the disposal of the Park Commissioners for park purposes as the annual appropriation that the city, considering its other expenses, can make is limited and below the actual needs for maintenance and needed improvements.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Samuel Lapham, Chairman.

W. G. Jeffords, Secy.



## PARK EXPENDITURES FOR 1905.

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### CHICORA—

Repairs &c. pumping plant.....\$ 116.95

### LOWER WARDS—

Labor.....\$ 782.60  
Trees, Shrubs &c..... 284.25  
Repairs and Material..... 322.92  
Painting benches and railing, Washington Sq. 151,78-\$1,540.95

### UPPER WARDS—

Labor.....\$ 731.25  
Material improvement Hampstead Mall, new  
sidewalks, &c..... 1,519.74- 2,250.99

### INCIDENTAL EXPENSES—

Police.....\$ 600.00  
Transportation..... 80.00  
Secretary..... 300.00  
Printing, Stationery &c..... 48.20-\$1,028.20

### HAMPTON—

Plant account.....\$ 294.45  
Repairs Buildings..... 374.76  
New Arbor..... 450.65  
Trees, Shrubs, Plants &c..... 255.98  
General Maintenance..... 4,567.06  
Insurance..... 47.95  
Water Supply—New Mains &c..... 1,802.51  
Electric Lights... .. 9.50-\$7,802.86



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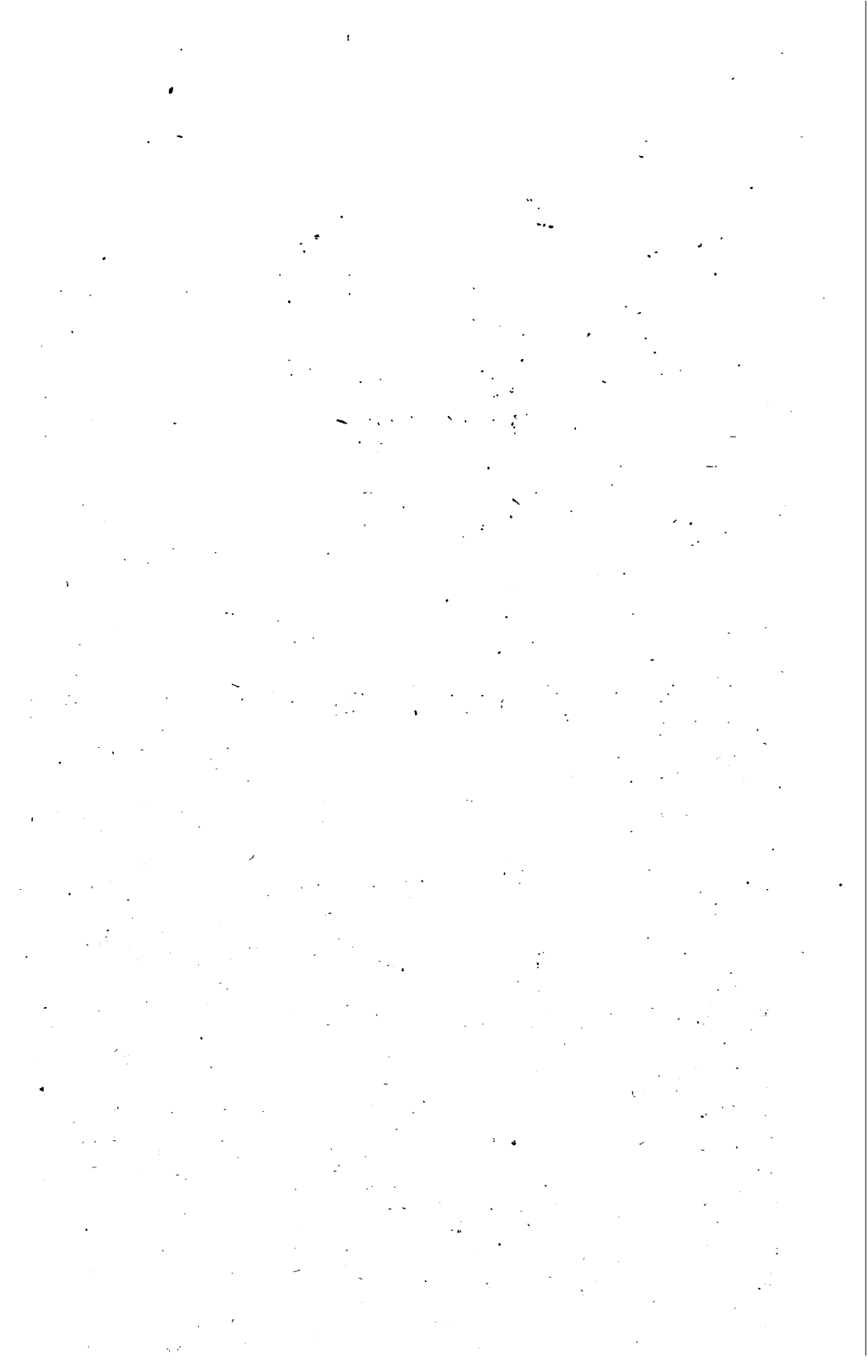
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# ***Eleventh Annual Report***

## ***of the***

### ***Board of Park Commissioners***

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*To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council,  
Gentlemen:—*

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submit their Eleventh Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1906, and annex thereto a statement of their expenditures. Vouchers for the same are on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

#### **HAMPSTEAD MALL.**

Hampstead Mall, as well as the smaller parks of the Upper Ward's Division have received due care and attention. Many trees have been planted. Walks improved. Owing to the raising of the grade of Rutledge Avenue, that part of Cannon Park on which the Thomson Auditorium stands will have to be raised to conform to the grade of the street. City Council has turned the Auditorium over to the Trustees of the College of Charleston for the establishing therein of the College Museum, as the present quarters of the Museum at the College do not afford the space for exhibition that this meritorious collection requires. The care of the grounds of this park will, however, continue to devolve on the Board of Park Commissioners.

## BATTERY—WHITE POINT GARDEN.

The river walls of this park have been put in thorough repair, the walks improved and some shrubbery planted. New cement curbing has been placed between the outside walks and the lawns. Many trees planted. In the centre of the main walk from Meeting Street will be placed early in the coming year a handsome band stand, of iron and stone, the generous gift of Mrs. Waring P. Carrington. The smaller parks and public squares of the Lower Ward's Division have all been kept in good condition.

## HAMPTON PARK.

The final payment on account of the Rhett farm was made during the past year and by this purchase the park lands are extended to the Ashley River. A city is not made in a day and the developement of farm lands into a park must of necessity be slow. The Board of Park Commissioners being desirous of proceeding along such lines, as would in the end, though taking a number of years to bring to completion, give to the citizens of Charleston a park to which they could point with pride, have secured the services of Messrs. Olmsted Bros., landscape architects, to make recommendations as to the laying out of this extension of Hampton Park in conjunction with the features of the present park preserved from the plans of the Exposition, and to furnish the necessary plans therefor, and thus the work done each year and all improvements made would be in conformity with a definite end in view and all expenditures made contribute to the making of a complete picture. Parks are a necessity, not a luxury, and their advantages are manifold. Though not always apparent at first, yet they tend to increase the value of real estate in their vicinity, and add to the general welfare of a city. The expense to each citizen is only his small proportionate share of the tax levy for this purpose, while every citizen can enjoy the pleasure and recreation that

parks afford which but few can otherwise obtain. As many improvement have been made the past year as our funds would permit, as the general maintenance is quite a large item of expense. The band stand has been, to a great extent, rebuilt. A new iron pergola erected, taking the place of the former one of wood. The roadway around the Sunken Garden completed, with the exception of the northerly end not yet surfaced with cement gravel. The lawns and flower beds have received care and attention, but many of the beds should be supplied with new curbing, and the main walk improved, but this can only be done by an increase in the amount of the appropriation for park purposes.

### FINANCIAL.

The Park Commissioners have collected for rents and sale of filling the sum of \$3,890.17 and paid the same to the City Treasurer and by him, under the ordinances, this amount has been placed to the credit of the General Income Account of the City. Thus net cost of care, maintenance and improvements of the park system to the taxpayer was \$8,608.15 for the year 1906.

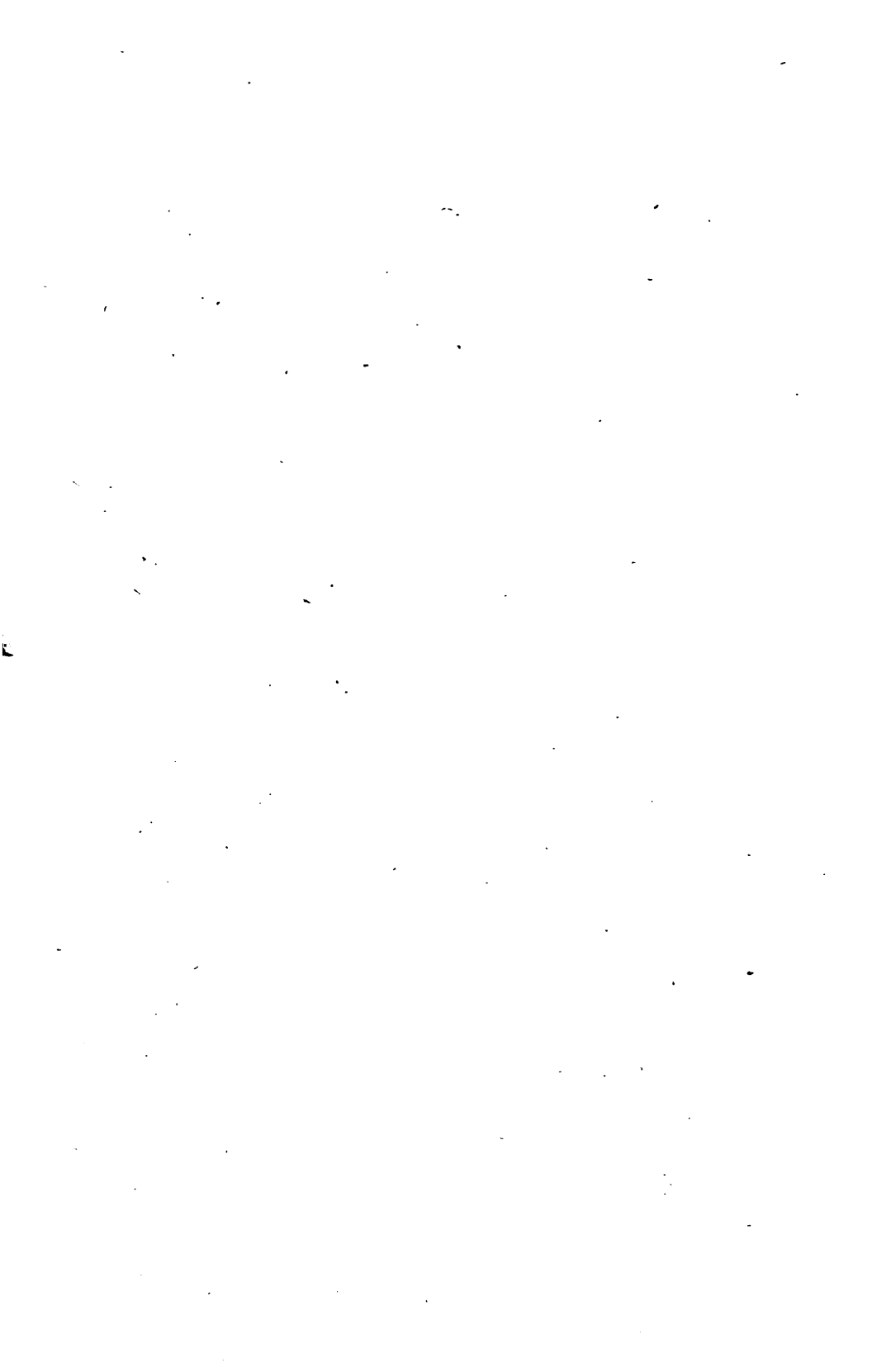
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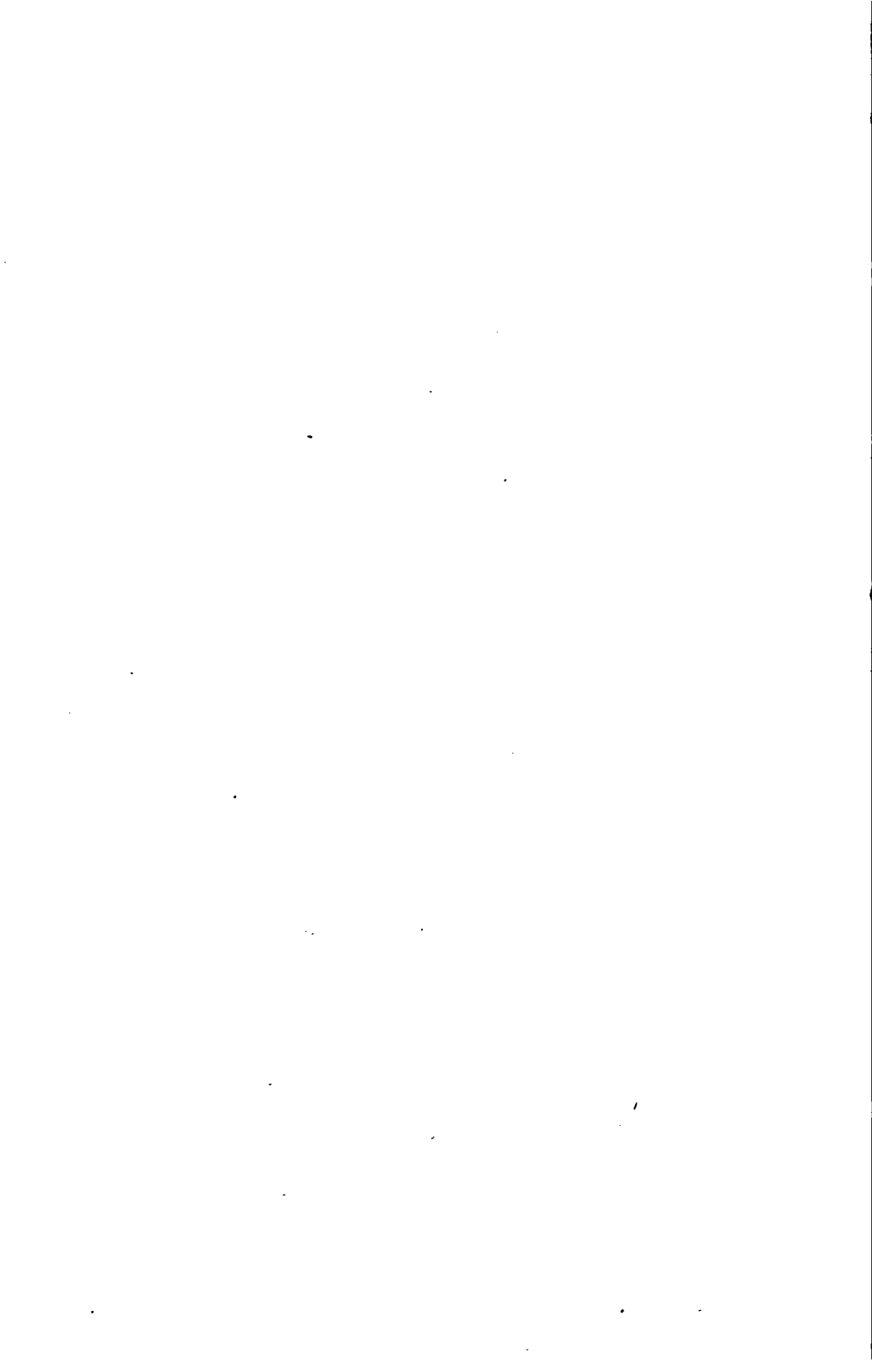
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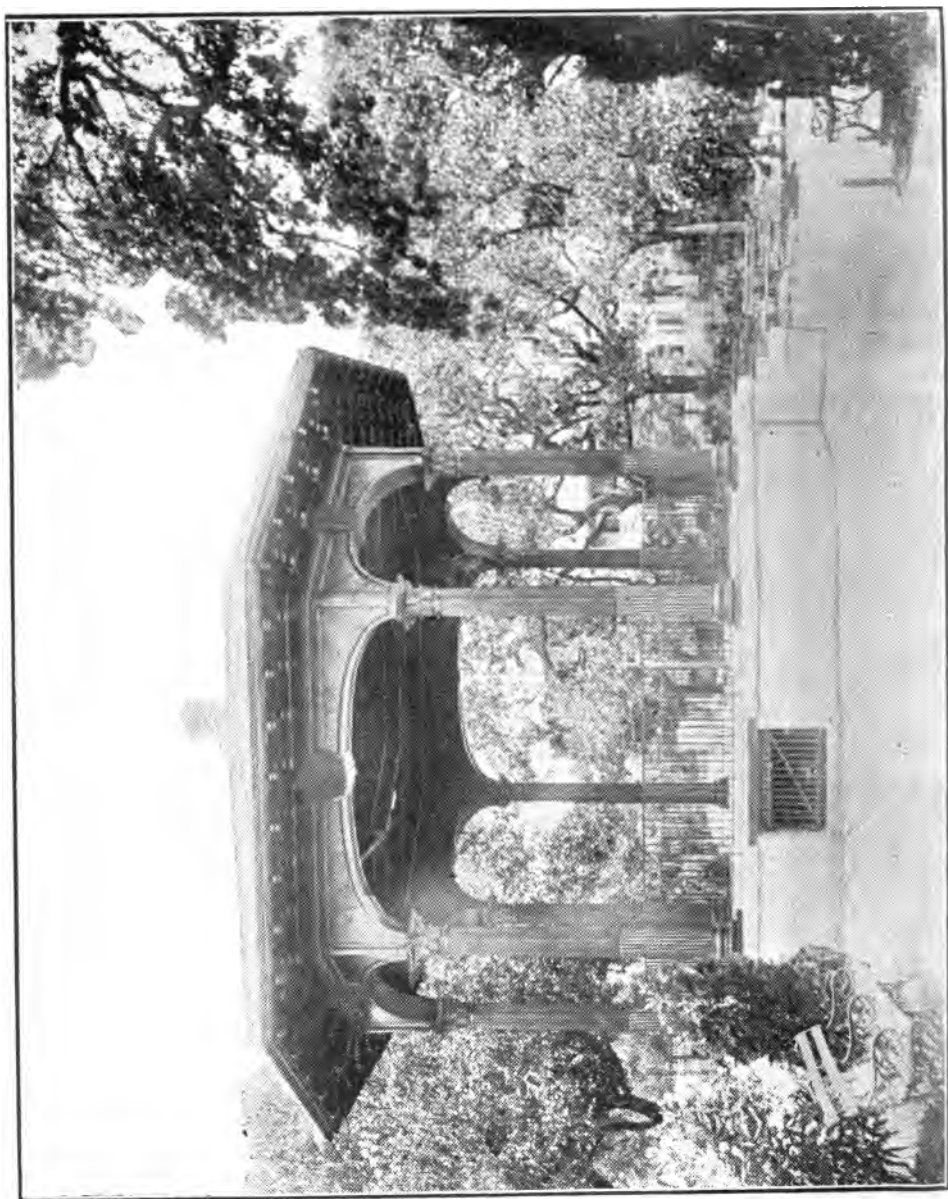
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## Twelfth Annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners

To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Park Commissioners present this their Twelfth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1907, together with a statement of their expenditures, and ask the usual appropriation for park purposes for the coming year.

### HAMPSTEAD MALL

and the parks of the Upper Ward's Division have been maintained in the customary manner and as many improvements were made during the past year as our funds permitted. The hedges around Hampstead Mall and Aiken Park are becoming an attractive feature but we regret to report the Board has been put to considerable expense in the maintenance of the hedges from the fact that the visiting public thoughtlessly break the same to make "short cut" entrances and exits instead of taking the paths laid out for them. Aiken Park has been raised to grade at considerable expense and every effort will be made to cultivate grass within this park. Chicora Park, since the establishment of the Navy Yard, remains only as a name, as only the unimproved timber land remains since the sale of the best part of this park to the United States for a Navy Yard. To preserve order in and around the Terminal of the Consolidated Railway Co. and the entrance to the Navy Yard, the Park Mounted Police is still maintained. This duty should be performed by the Consolidated Railway Co., and the Park Board withdraw the policeman stationed there, for duty at the parks within the city, where his presence is needed.

## CANNON PARK.

With the raising of the grade of Rutledge Avenue at this point, it is necessary to raise the grade of this park around the Auditorium, but the amount appropriated for this purpose in 1907 not being sufficient therefor and the College of Charleston museum authorities not having completed the changes to the Auditorium, nothing was done as to raising the grade of this park and the appropriation asked for 1908 with the amount from 1907 unexpended in the City Treasury, will be used for this purpose the coming year, as it is more economical to do it at one time than in instalments.

## BATTERY—WHITE POINT GARDEN.

The attractive addition to this Park has been the erection of a handsome band stand of iron and stone, the generous gift of Mrs. Waring P. Carrington, and this gift has been duly acknowledged by the Board of Park Commissioners. The Board would respectfully suggest that suitable acknowledgment be made by City Council to Mrs. Waring P. Carrington for this gift, and the City Council Committee on Parks and Pleasure Grounds be requested to have prepared and presented to City Council suitable resolutions thereon, and the same be adopted and forwarded by the Clerk of Council to Mrs. Carrington. There has been much work done on the sea wall of this park and much more is needed and with the limited appropriations it will take a number of years to complete these repairs. Much care and attention has been given to the grounds of White Point Garden which is one of the show places of this City. The other parks of the Lower Ward's Division have been kept in good condition, but the day is not far distant when the walks of Washington Park will have to be relaid, and the Board obliged to ask City Council for an appropriation for cement walks to replace the old brick walks in this park.

## HAMPTON PARK.

This park is becoming more and more attractive to our people and to the visitors of our City, and as its attractions become better known, will become the favorite resort of our citizens. At this park our needs are great. On ac-

count of the large acreage and the keeping up of the flowerbeds and lawns, the cost of maintenance is large. The wants—especially at this time, are stone curbing to replace the fast decaying wooden curbs to the flower beds. Cement-gravel walks to replace the thin and broken asphalt walks that remained after the Exposition, and a roadway along the river edge. Plans are nearly completed by Messrs. Olmstead Brothers, for the gradual taking of the Rhett Farm as a part of this park and the roadway along the Ashley river. A visit to this park will show clearly the work done at this park, which would take many words to set out, and yet convey but feebly the amount of the same. The principal work done has been: Two rooms added to the keeper's cottage; built three bridges in the Sunken Garden; curbed all beds in Sunken Garden with tile, also the driveway around the same; completed in every respect pergola and put in good repair all buildings.

The Library Tract is completed, except the cement-gravel walks, stone curb to flower beds, and the walls of the lake.

## MUSIC AT THE PARKS.

The Board of Park Commissioners have been enabled to give band concerts at the Battery and Hampstead Mall on Carolina Day and Thanksgiving Day, the past year. These concerts were all their limited means would permit, although concerts have been given at Hampton Park on Sunday afternoons during certain seasons by the Consolidated Railroad Co.

All these concerts were generally appreciated by hundreds of music-loving people, and the Board desires to increase the popularity of the musical feature by high class music and greater strength of bands. In many cities, concerts are given all during the summer months, both afternoon and evening and the expense of same borne by endowment Funds given to the Park Board in trust for this purpose. In other cities there are Park Musical Associations, comprising business men and corporations who yearly obtain funds for the purpose of band concerts in the various parks, and through the Park Boards, arrange the giving of weekly concerts. The city has Hampton Park, The Battery and Hampstead Mall equipped with band stands and the Board

of Park Commissioners would cheerfully co-operate with a Park Concert Association to give monthly, semi-monthly or weekly band concerts at all three of these parks as the citizens might desire as to dates, park, or time, if the citizens through an association or otherwise, would assist the Board with funds for the purpose, and can jointly arrange for the same, to be given under the auspices of a Park Concert Association.

## FINANCIAL.

The Park Commissioners have collected as rents, etc., the sum of \$1,103.32 and paid same to the City Treasurer and by him, under the ordinances this amount has been carried to the General Income Account of the city. The net cost of care, maintenance and improvements of the park system for 1907 has been to the taxpayers the sum of \$9,627.28.

The Board of Park Commissioners again earnestly request that as in other cities the income from parks be placed to the credit of the Board of Park Commissioners, and not used for the general expenses of the city, and thus the actual cost of parks to the city be shown.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

SAMUEL LAPHAM, Chairman.

W. G. JEFFORDS, Secy.

## STATEMENT, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1907.

### HAMPTON PARK.

For salary of gardener.....	\$ 600.00	
For salary of watchman.....	600.00	
For labor .....	2,170.07	
For insurance .....	15.00	
For trees and plants.....	211.81	
For general expenses .....	129.90	
For maintenance .....	788.91	
For general repairs .....	383.68	
For repairs buildings and road- ways .....	994.02	\$ 5,893.39

### UPPER W'ARD'S PARKS.

For labor .....	\$ 937.50	
For trees and plants.....	44.00	
For general repairs .....	52.65	
For maintenance .....	151.70	
For music .....	55.00	\$ 1,240.85
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### LOW'ER WARD'S PARK.

For labor .....	\$ 1,294.89	
For repairs, including Battery wall .....	730.17	
For maintenance .....	59.40	
For watchman .....	20.00	
For trees and plants.....	82.45	
For general expenses .....	9.50	
For music .....	70.00	\$ 2,266.41
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### POLICE AND INCIDENTALS.

For police Chicora Park.....	\$ 720.00	
For Superintendent of Parks.....	500.00	
For general expenses .....	68.86	\$ 1,288.86
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### CHICORA PARK.

For repairs to pumping station	\$ 41.09
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	\$ 10,730.60

### APPROPRIATIONS.

For Park purposes.....	\$ 13,250.00	
Amount reserved under resolu- tion City Council in City Treasury for Cannon Park, Lucas Park, and payment of Olmsted Bros. ....	2,519.40	\$ 10,730.60

All payments made on vouchers by City Treasurer, and vouchers for same are on file in his office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL LAPHAM, Chairman.

December 31, 1907.

Board of Park Commissioners.

### PARK DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

2 Horses,	6 Bush hooks,
1 Dump cart,	5 Saws (various),
2 Plows,	6 Buckets,
1 Hand mower,	2 Scythes,
25 Shovels	12 Garden tools,
11 Hoes,	1 Water cart,
4 Mattocks,	2 Horse rakes,
3 Spades,	2 Horse cutaway har-
3 Lanterns,	rows,
2 Crowbars,	3,300 Chairs,
12 Carpenter tools,	3 Grass rakes,
1 Road machine,	7 Forks,
1 Mowing machine,	2 Pick axes,
2 Harrows,	1 Sprayer,
300 Benches,	4 Watering Pots,
16 Rakes,	3 Pair Pruning shears,
6 Wheel barrows	1 Grindstone.

Harnesses, collars, etc., for horses. Hose, etc., for watering.

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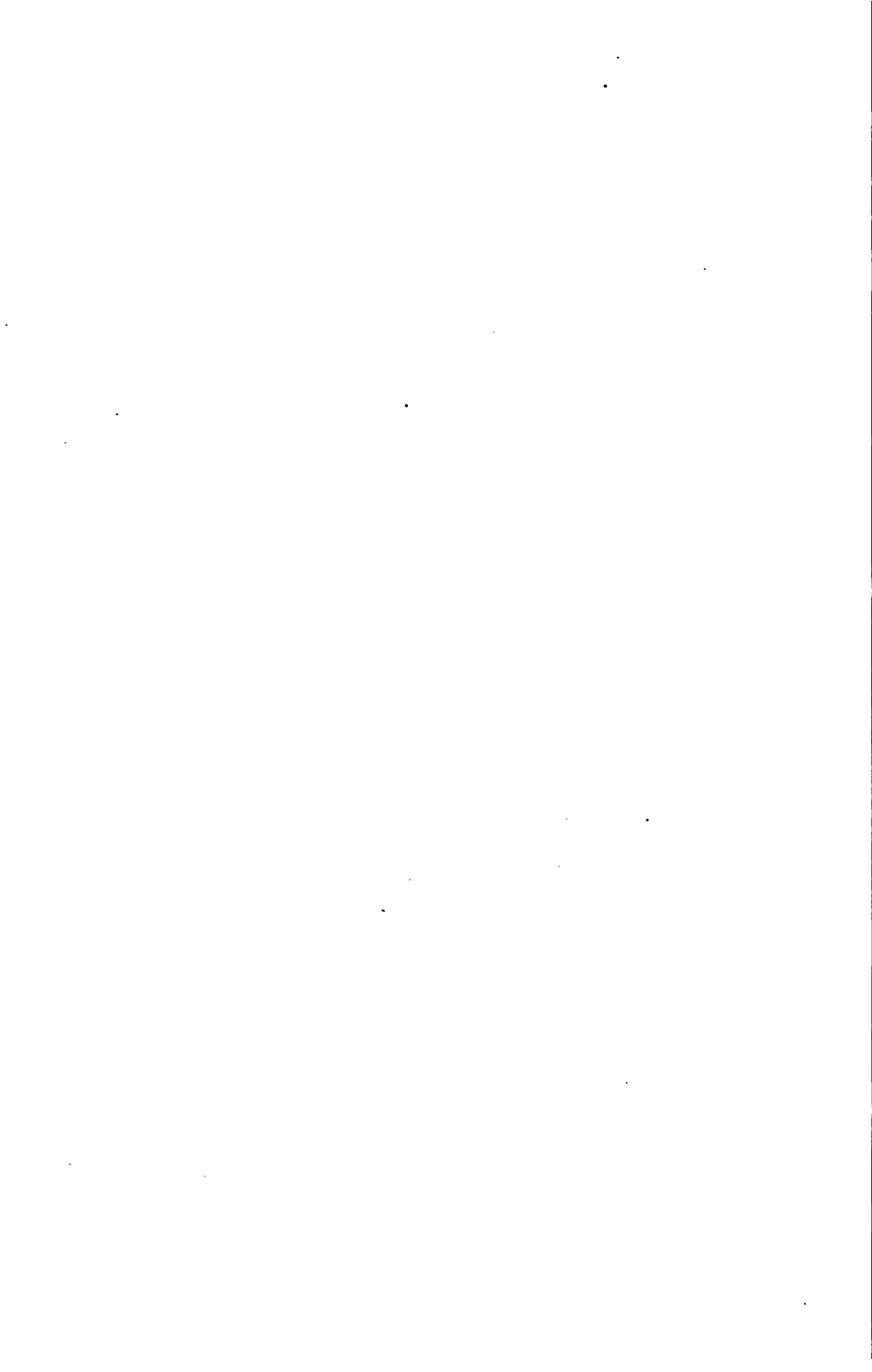


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### ***Board of Park Commissioners***

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To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:

Gentlemen:—The Board of Park Commissioners present this their Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1908.

The care of the Shade Trees and Grass Plots on the streets, having by ordinance been placed in charge of this board, a special appropriation is asked for this purpose.

A petition having been presented for the extension of Cosgrove Avenue from the Western boundary of Chicora Park to the main gate of the Navy Yard, the Board has caused a survey thereof to be made by the City Engineer, and his report is that to construct this roadway and to cover the same with cement gravel will cost \$4,000.00. If the appropriation for this purpose can be made, then there will be a good roadway from the city to the Navy Yard Main Gate. The construction of the road alone will cost about \$1,200.00 and \$2,800.00 for the cement gravel and finishing.

#### **CITY PARKS.**

The upper-wards parks have been kept in good order and condition the past year, and Aiken Park has received special care and attention, which has resulted in a decided improvement in the appearance of this park. The lower-wards parks have been maintained with customary care. Cannon Park

filled nearly to grade and a cement walk been laid from Rutledge Avenue to the Charleston Museum. Cannon Park will require considerable filling yet to bring its grade up to the new established grade of Rutledge Avenue. Quite extensive repairs will have to be made the coming year, to the seawall of White Point Garden, South Battery, and its south main walk be shelled.

### HAMPTON PARK.

This park, as usual, received especial care. The walls on one-half of the lake in the Sunken Garden, have been replaced with stone and it is desired to replace the wooden walls on the other one-half with stone also, and when this is done the walls of the lake will be of permanent construction. The River Drive has been laid out and is in course of construction. If it is within the means of the City, Cleveland Street extension from Rutledge Avenue to the Park Entrance should be made a macadam roadway, and the roadway from the entrance to the River Road and the River Road also, be covered with cement gravel, in order that there may be in this park a good roadway for pleasure driving. The cost of the Cleveland Street extension roadway is estimated by the City Engineer at \$3,000.00 and the balance at \$4,000.00 making a total cost of \$7,000.00.

### MUSIC.

Music in the parks has been requested by many of the citizens, but unless City Council makes an appropriation for this purpose, only an occasional concert can be given, as this is all the funds the Park Board will permit. There are band stands at Hampton Park, Hampstead Mall and the Battery, and with an appropriation of \$250.00, supplemented by subscriptions from the citizens a series of concerts could be maintained.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS,

Shade trees and grass plots on the streets is a new feature

which has been inaugurated by the Board of Public Works in the laying out of the new roadways in the city. A strip on either side of the roadway being left for shade trees and grass between the roadway and the sidewalk, so that trees, etc., will no longer be in the street proper, the general appearance of the streets improved and a clear driveway for vehicles. To maintain this space in a proper manner and the planting of the necessary trees and their care will require an appropriation of \$2,500.00 for a beginning.

### ADMINISTRATION.

Under the supervision of the Board the following sub-committees have been appointed in charge of special departments, Chicora Park, Commissioners Williams, Rhett and Davis; Hampton Park, Commissioners Valk, Rhett and Lapham; Upper Wards Parks, Commissioners Storen, Kroeg and Davis; Lower Wards Parks, Commissioners Carrington, Frost and Bird; Shade Trees, Commissioners Davis, Valk and Storen, the first named in each instance being the Chairman of the sub-committee, the carrying out of whose orders is in the hands of Mr. William H. Croghan, who assumed the duties of Superintendent of Parks on November 1st, 1908.

### PARK INCOME,

Park income turned over to City Treasurer and placed to General Income account of the City:

Sale of old iron.....	\$ 1 50
Sale of dirt.....	373 00
Rent—Airdome.....	25 00
Rent—Rhett Farm.....	855 00
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	\$1,254 50

In all cities as a rule, the income of parks is placed to the credit of parks and not to the General Income Account of the city, as is done here, in order that the exact costs of parks may show, which in our case the showing is in excess of the

actual cost by the appropriation of income of the parks to other than park purposes.

## EXPENDITURES—1908.

### HAMPTON PARK:

Care, Labor.....	\$2,552 10	
Maintenance, Labor and Material...	\$1,156 17	
Police, including uniforms.....	\$ 821 00	
Trees, etc.....	\$ 346 67	
Improvements and plans.....	\$1,761 92	
Incidentals, Swans, etc.....	\$ 254 77	\$6,892 63
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### CHICORA PARK:

Police,.....	\$ 720 00	
Incidentals.....	\$ 82 50	
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### UPPER WARDS PARKS:

Care, Labor.....	\$ 840 30	
Maintenance, Labor & Materials...	\$ 14 20	
Improvements.....	\$ 230 88	
Incidentals, Music.....	\$ 35 00	1,120 38
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### LOWER WARDS PARKS:

Care, Labor.....	\$ 818 85	
Maintenance, Labor & Materials...	\$ 725 20	
Trees, etc.....	\$ 103 14	
Improvements and repairs.....	\$1,050 80	
Incidentals, Music, etc.....	\$ 60 49	2,758 48
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**ADMINISTRATION:**

Secretary.....	\$ 433 34	
Superintendence.....	\$ 144 50	
Printing & Stationery.....	\$ 112 65	
Incidentals.....	\$ 436 30	
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	\$	<hr/>

**PARK EXTENSIONS:**

Purchase of marsh lands.....	308 25	
	\$	<hr/>

Total.....\$ 13,009 03

Total appropriations.....\$ 14,319 40

Covered into City Treasury amount expended...\$ 1,310 37

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Park Expenditures as above.....\$ 13,009 03

Income turned over to City Treasurer.....\$ 1,259 50

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Net cost of Parks.....\$ 11,749 53

The following sets out the views of many a municipality:

“Public parks are a great necessity to the general welfare of every large city, and nearly all cities are adding to their park acreage and miles to their boulevards, and there is no more propitious time than the present for this great city of ours to take advantage of conditions and move forward, having first adopted some definite plan for a future greater park and boulevard system, to the end that property may be ac-



quired from time to time that will ultimately make a complete whole."

All of which is respectfully submitted:

SAMUEL LAPHAM, *Chairman*,

A. A. KROEG, *Secretary*.

#### PARK DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

3 Horses,	1 Stone Roller,
1 Dump cart,	5 Saws (various),
2 Plows,	6 Buckets,
1 Hand mower,	2 Scythes,
36 Shovels,	12 Garden tools,
4 Mattocks	1 Water Cart,
3 Spades.	1 Horse rake,
3 Lanterns,	2 Horse cutaway harrows,
2 Crowbars,	3,300 chairs,
12 Carpenter tools	3 Forks
1 Road Machine,	1 Pick axe,
2 Mowing machines,	1 Sprayer,
1 Harrow	4 Watering pots,
300 Benches,	4 Pair pruning shears,
12 Rakes,	1 Grindstone,
18 Wheel barrows,	
Harness, collars, etc., for horses. Hose, etc., for watering.	



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# ***Fourteenth Annual Report***

## ***of the***

### ***Board of Park Commissioners***

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*To the Honorable The Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen—The Board of Park Commissioners would present this their Fourteenth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1909, together with the report of the Superintendent of Parks and the receipts and expenditures of the Board, vouchers for the same being on file with the City Treasurer.

#### **ROADWAY CHICORA PARK.**

In accordance with the resolution of City Council, the Board have contracted for a roadway from Cosgrove Avenue to Navy Yard gate, the same being necessary for the removal of the Burton Lumber Co. right of way, on lands of Chicora Park sold by City Council to the United States Government for the erection of the Marine Barracks, and the same is in course of construction.

#### **UPPER WARDS PARKS.**

The usual care and attention has been given these parks as more fully set out in the Superintendent's report, and in connection with the Junior Civic League the land purchased between the Mitchell School and Rutledge Avenue

is being laid out as a playground. Especial attention has been given to Lucas Street Park, opposite the Roper Hospital, this park having been filled to a level, a cement curb placed around it, walks laid out and trees planted.

### LOWER WARDS PARKS.

These parks have been maintained and improved and the east sea wall at the Battery placed in good repair, bandstand painted and repaired. At Cannon Park the grade has been raised to conform to the new street grade, and new curb and walk constructed on Bennett Street, and also on north side of this park.

### HAMPTON PARK.

A riverside drive has been opened at Hampton Park, and sufficient funds are requested to cement gravel this drive. Extensive repairs have been made on the buildings of this park, and many trees and shrubs planted. The wall around the Sunken Garden will be completed the coming year; the material therefor having been secured, the only expense will now be the labor.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Principal attention has been given to Calhoun and Broad Streets, also to Rutledge Avenue. Broad Street—the grass plot has been planted and 76 elm trees set out; Calhoun Street—84 Palmetto trees have been set out and the grass plot will be planted the coming year, as on account of the large amount of filling required the planting could not be done the past year to advantage; Rutledge Avenue—on this avenue 200 oaks have been set out. On other streets a large number of condemned trees replaced with new trees, and many additional trees planted.

### MUSIC.

The concerts given on the Battery were greatly appreciated, as was evident by the large attendance. Thanks are

due to the Charleston Consolidated Railway, Gas & Electric Company for their liberality in contributing towards the expense of the music.

## FINANCIAL.

The first payment, of \$1,500, has been made on the Mitchell School playground, and an appropriation will have to be made for the deferred payments as they become due, together with the interest on the bond. Shade trees and grass plots cost the past year \$2,213.98, and will require to extend and improve an appropriation of not less than \$2,000 per annum. For the new roadway, Chicora Park, an appropriation for 1910 of \$3,500 is asked for, as the appropriation for 1909 (the contract not being completed) was turned back into the City Treasury, (\$500.—)! The cash receipts of the Board for 1909 were \$984.50, which was paid to the City Treasurer and placed to the credit of the General Income Account of the city.

The total expenditures of the Park Department for 1909 was \$14,965.07, which included the payment of \$1,500 and interest on the Mitchell School playground, together with shade trees and grass plots, and park improvements, and maintenance proper. Distribution being: Parks—improvement and maintenance, \$10,921.09; shade trees and grass plots, \$2,213.98; playground, \$1,830.00; total, \$14,965.07. Less cash receipts (though not available for park purposes) being net, \$13,980.57.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAPHAM, *Chairman,*

A. A. KROEG, *Secretary.*



## GENERAL APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.00
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00
Care, labor and police .....	7,500.00
Maintenance and improvements .....	2,700.00
Planting trees and maintenance on streets.....	2,500.00
Music on Battery, Lake and Mall.....	500.00
Purchase of new play ground .....	1,500.00
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Total.....	\$16,000.00

*Special Appropriations:*

For interest .....	\$ 330.00	
Chicora Roadway .....	500.00	
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		\$16,830.00

## EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1909.

Hampton Park .....	\$ 5,333.06
Chicora Park .....	71.68
Upper Wards Parks .....	1,760.87
Lower Wards Parks .....	2,028.35
Shade trees and grass plots .....	2,213.98
Administration .....	1,727.13
Purchase of new play ground .....	1,500.00
Interest on bond given for balance due on new play ground .....	330.00
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Total.....	\$14,965.07
Covered into City Treasury to Gen'l Income % ....	1,864.93
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	\$16,830.00

## CASH RECEIPTS

## PAID TO CITY TREASURER.

June 30, 1909, for labor by park hands at Wm. Enston Home .....	\$ 11.00
Sept. 27, 1909, sale of boiler, pump and valves at Chicora Park .....	100.00
Oct. 22, 1909, rent of Rhett Farm .....	873.50
Total.....	<u>\$984.50</u>

## HAMPTON PARK:

Care, Labor, Police, etc. ....	\$ 3,412.86
Maintenance—labor, cartage, painting Band Stand signs, 1 cart, lumber, hardware, paint, fertilizers, \$1,320.48	
Trees, plants, seeds and bulbs.....	209.36
Improvements—digging and hauling cobble stones, toilet in cottage, and purchase of swans and geese .....	342.36
Incidentals—insurance, car tickets, etc. ....	48.00
	<u>1,920.20</u>
Total.....	\$ 5,333.06

## CHICORA PARK:

Advertising for bids .....	\$ 2.70
Advertising for bids for Roadway .....	4.08
One-half cost of cement walk .....	52.50
Recording papers .....	12.40
	<u>\$ 71.68</u>

## UPPER WARDS PARKS:

Hampstead Mall, Aiken Park, Flynn's Church Grounds, Lucas Street Park and Mitchell School Play Ground—care, labor, etc.....	\$ 894.25
Maintenance—hardware, lumber, paint, cartage, repairs and painting Band Stand on Mall; painting fence at Flynn's Church.....	268.50
Improvements—filling for Lucas Street Park and cement curbing for said park .....	573.12
Incidentals—papers for Mitchell School play ground .....	25.00
	<u>\$ 1,760.87</u>

*LOWER WARDS PARKS:*

Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park— care, labor, etc. ....	\$ 942.51	
Maintenance—cartage, lumber, paint, electric light, repairs to Battery wall, and repairs to Band Stand .....	863.40	
Trees and plants .....	103.67	
Improvements—at Cannon Park .....	118.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,028.35

*SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS*

Care, labor, etc. ....	\$ 651.33	
Maintenance—planting trees, cartage, hardware, tools, purchase of trees, slats and links.....	988.07	
Trees and grass .....	574.58	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,213.98

*ADMINISTRATION:*

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$1,000.00	
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00	
Car tickets for Superintendent, printing, station- ery, advertising for bids, postage, trip of Super- intendent to Augusta .....	192.13	
Music .....	235.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,727.13

*SPECIAL APPROPRIATION:*

For Mitchell School play ground .....	\$ 1,500.00	
Interest on Bond .....	330.00	
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Total expenditures .....		\$14,965.07

January 1, 1910.

*Board of Park Commissioners,*  
*Charleston, S. C.*

Gentlemen: I herewith respectfully submit the list of work done in the various parts of the city during the year of 1909.

**HAMPTON PARK.**

The opening of Riverside Drive, and placing 12-inch pipe drain on north side, and 6-inch drain on west end of drive.

The repairing and painting of Band Stand, and placing of brick pillars under same.

The relaying of walk, new trellis, and brick curb around flower beds in the Sunken Gardens.

Rebuilding of fence with brick curb and sand pit connecting to main drain on the Dunneman line of this park. Repairing fence on south side, and new fence on west driveway.

Repairing of Cottage and putting in toilet closet; swing repaired, brick pillars placed under shed and barn, and benches painted and repaired, and whitewashing buildings, and tarring roof of sheds.

Painting carts, water barrel, hay rake, etc.

Two brick basins for young ducks, and pen for swans.

Planting of elm trees on both sides of drive: pecan, walnut, chestnut and hickory nut trees; 12 of each.

One hundred rose bushes.

Three dozen dahlias.

Five large Azalea plants.

Twenty-five fig trees.

One dozen different shrub trees.

One dozen Azalea plants.

1,500 citrus trifoliata for hedge, north side of park.

2,000 hyacinth bulbs.

2,000 Narcissus bulbs.

Four weeping willows.

Removing of mulberry trees from main avenue, umbrella trees from different walks at park, and cedar trees to different parts of park.

### CANNON PARK.

Shell walk, south side; new curb and shell walk north side, and new curb on Bennett Street side of this park .

300 loads of filling distributed on this park, and eight palmetto trees and fifteen oaks planted.

### LUCAS STREET PARK.

New shell walks and concrete curb around this park.

300 loads of filling distributed on this park, and 19 elm trees planted.

## AIKEN PARK.

Fence repaired and shell walk relayed.

## FLYNN'S CHURCH.

The fence around the same painted.

## HAMPSTEAD MALL.

Band Stand painted and repaired.

Walks and benches put in good order.

Twenty-six cedars and thirteen elm trees planted, and two dead oaks removed.

## WASHINGTON SQUARE.

Wall around park, iron fence around monument painted, and all benches repaired.

## THE BATTERY.

Band Stand repaired and painted, and sea wall on east side put in good condition.

Palmetto and other trees and shrubs planted.

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

The grass plots on Broad Street planted, and 76 elms set out.

Trees planted on the following streets, viz.:

Rutledge Avenue, 200 oaks.

Calhoun Street, 84 palmetto trees.

Church and Water Streets, 2 palmetto trees.

Church and Water Streets, 2 elms.

Ashley Avenue, 39 elms.

Logan street, 5 elms.

Queen Street, 5 elms.

Montague Street, 5 elms.

The placing of new boxes around all trees on Rutledge Avenue, north of Line Street, and other streets just planted.  
125 condemned trees removed from the streets.

## IN CONCLUSION.

I present herewith the list of property of the Park Department :

W. H. CROGHAN, *Supt.*

## PARK DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

### *Hampton Park.*

3 Horses.	3 Watering pots.
2 Dump carts.	1 Pickaxe.
1 Water cart.	1 Axe.
1 Mowing machine, new.	2 Hatchets.
2 Mowing machines, old.	4 Mattocks.
3 Sets harness.	3 Spades.
1 Road machine.	36 Shovels.
1 Cutaway harrow.	4 Pruning shears.
1 Horse rake.	1 Combination ladder.
1 Stone roller.	230 Benches.
18 Wheelbarrows.	20 Chairs.
2 Crowbars.	One lot barb wire.
1 Lawn mower.	One lot fence wire.
1 Sprayer.	2 Corn bins.
6 Buckets.	4 Brooms.
2 Scythes.	6 Paint and Whitewash
1 Grindstone.	brushes.
1 Vise.	1 Police uniform.
1 Anvil.	1 Shotgun.
4 Saws.	1 Lighter.
1 Set carpenter's tools.	1 Bateau.
1 Pipe wrench.	2 Plows.
100 Ft. garden hose.	4 Hay forks.
2 Lanterns.	6 Hoes.
1 Cultivator.	12 Rakes.

2 Swans, white.	50 Pigeons.
2 Swans, black.	56 White ducks.
2 Egyptian geese.	

*Lower Wards.*

1 Stepladder.	2 Pruning shears.
1 Extension ladder.	2 Mattocks.
2 Lawn mowers, new.	2 Rakes.
2 Lawn mowers, old.	3 Wheelbarrows.
4 Spades and shovels.	200 Ft. garden hose.
2 Saws, new.	2 Brooms.
2 Saws, old.	2 Watering pots.
4 Hoes.	2 Scythes.

*Upper Wards.*

1 Extension ladder.	1 Spade.
2 Lawn mowers.	2 Pruning shears.
2 Wheelbarrows.	2 Saws.
1 Stepladder.	1 Scythe.
2 Rakes.	2 Buckets.
2 Hoes.	2 Brooms.

*Shade Trees and Grass Plots.*

1 Extension ladder.	8 Spades and shovels.
2 Saws.	3 Axes.
100 Ft. 1-inch rope.	3,000 Laths for boxes.
1 Single ladder.	8,000 Links for laths.
2 Shears.	1 5-gal. oil can.
1 Pick.	300 Stakes for trees.
1 Mattock.	100 Ft. garden hose.

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## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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ANDREW A. KROEG, Secretary  
51 Broad Street.

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## COMMITTEES

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### LOWER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE.

WARING P. CARRINGTON, Chairman  
FRANK R. FROST                      WM. M. BIRD.

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

*To the Honorable The Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen: The Board of Park Commissioners would present this their fifteenth annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1910, together with a statement of their receipts and disbursements, vouchers for the same being on file with the City Treasurer.

### CHICORA PARK.

Under the request of the Commandant of the Navy Yard granted by City Council, and with the approval of the Committee on Pleasure Grounds a cement gravel roadway has been completed from Cosgrove Avenue to the Navy Yard Gate at an expense of \$1,858.00 and a good roadway is now established from the City to the Navy Yard.

### HAMPTON PARK.

As shown in the report of the Superintendent of Parks hereto attached, many improvements have been made at this park. The lease on the western portion of this park, commonly called the Rhett Farm, has expired and not been renewed and under the plans of Messrs Olmsted Bros., Landscape Architects, this tract will now be laid out for park purposes. The first step will be the establishment of roadways thereon, bringing into public use the grove of oaks at the river side and a boat landing. A tennis court has been laid out at this park and a play ground for children has been commenced, with swings, etc. Three swans and three Mexican geese have been added to the Sunken Garden collection during the past year, which now consists of two white swans, two black swans, five Mexican geese, two Egyptian geese, forty ducks, three squirrels, thirty pigeons and four alligators. Mr. H. S. Terry

presented the park with one alligator this year. Two century plants were given to the Park by Mr. Patrick Calhoun and planted. The new walk laid out along the Sunken Garden has been bordered with one hundred oleander trees and three thousand gladioli bulbs set out. The taking into the park of the tract of about 60 acres to the west of the present park, will add much to the cost of maintenance but in the end will justify the expenditure it is proposed to make thereon, as it will open up a western front along the Ashley River, and add much to its beauty.

#### UPPER WARDS PARKS.

Which includes Cannon and Lucas Parks and Hampstead, Aiken and Wragg Malls have all received proper care and attention, the shell walks relayed, trees planted and generally improved.

#### LOWER WARDS PARKS.

Which are Washington Park and White Point Garden (the Battery) have been kept in good condition. The south gateway at Washington Park repaired. At the Battery, the south sea-wall has been repaired as much as practicable. The Boulevard should be extended so as to take out its abrupt ending at King Street, and the Boulevard wall take the place of the Battery sea-wall, and the rebuilding of the latter be avoided, and much expense saved thereby and the Boulevard's general appearance be improved at this point.

#### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

While much improvement has been made by this department, many trees set out and grass planted, for the successful maintenance of both trees and grass plots the co-operation of the citizens is respectfully requested in the seeing that horses do not destroy the trees in front of their residences and while watering their own premises they should water the grass plots. The successful maintenance of street trees and grass plots is a

matter of civic pride and the department under whose charge the same are, must have the hearty help of the citizens, in order that the streets may by trees and grass plots be beautified.

### APPROPRIATION.

As the city grows and its population increases the expense of the maintenance of the Park System also increases, as the demands on it are more. With the increase of visitors and especially of children on their holidays to Hampton Park, appropriation should be made for the erection of a recreation shelter near the part laid out as a playground and an ornamental public comfort should be provided for at the Battery by a special appropriation therefor, in addition to the usual appropriation for care and maintenance.

The giving of band concerts at the Battery during the summer months has been appreciated by the public as shown by the large attendance on each evening these concerts have been given, and these band concerts will be continued.

The reports of the Superintendent of Parks and the City Forester are herewith submitted.

Very respectfully,  
SAMUEL LAPHAM, *Chairman.*

A. A. KROEG, *Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS.

*To the Board of Park Commissioners.*

Gentlemen: I herewith present account of work done during the year ending December 31, 1910.

### HAMPTON PARK.

The cobble stone émbankment around the north half of the Sunken Garden has been completed and this finishes in permanent form the walls of the lake. Brick piers have been built to support the bridges connecting with the Sunken Garden. The Lake has been cleaned out and deepened. Cement

stops have been placed on the north side of the Pergola, at the south end of the Lake. A cement basin has been built for the alligators. A Tennis Court has been laid out and has proved an attractive feature and space reserved for an additional court should the same be required. The cement gravel roadway has been extended three hundred feet and as funds permit will be extended to the river side of the park and around the west side making a continuous drive around the park. The oaks on the river side are being pruned and cemented, as this part of the park has for a number of years been used for farm purposes, these trees were in bad condition but the farm lease having expired attention is now being given to this western portion of the park. A new walk has been laid out around the Sunken Garden and one hundred oleander trees set out along this walk. The rooms in the Keeper's cottage have been painted and a new shed and lockers built. Sufficient hay for feed has been raised. The grounds and walks and roadways have been kept clean, repaired and improved, and the benches all put in good order and painted.

#### MITCHELL SCHOOL PLAY GROUND.

A wire fence has been placed around this park. A privet-hedge set out around the same, together with elm and umbrella trees. Within the Mitchell School yard twelve palmetto and six umbrella trees have been planted.

#### HAMPSTEAD MALL.

Together with Aiken Mall and Wragg's Mall have received due care and attention. The shell walks relayed, trees planted, and lawns kept in good condition. At the Lucas Street Park, elm trees have been planted and benches placed.

## WHITE POINT GARDEN.

Known as the Battery, has received especial care and attention. The oaks have been treated by the Davy experts and improved. The sea-wall on the south side has been repaired and on account of its age will each year require attention. Palmetto trees have been planted. The Band Stand painted. Shell walks renewed. The other lower wards parks, Washington Park, and Cannon Park have received due attention, and at Washington Park the southern gateway repaired and on Cannon Park a number of trees planted.

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Trees have been set out on the following streets; Rutledge, Sumter, Calhoun, Carolina, Fishburne, St. Philip, Coming, Wentworth and Ashley Avenue, and grass plots where laid out have been cared for. Boxes have been placed around all young trees and the boxes whitewashed. The number of trees destroyed each year by horses, through the carelessness of their drivers are many and steps should be taken looking to, if possible, a more rigid enforcement of the ordinances of the City as to the protection of shade trees.

A list of the Park Department property is hereunto annexed.

Respectfully,

W. H. CROGHAN, *Supt.*

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## REPORT OF THE CITY FORESTER.

*To the Park Commissioners:*

Gentlemen: The work that has been done since taking charge consists briefly in the following:

Cement work on all defective trees from Calhoun St. to the Battery, the upper part of Rutledge Ave. and Ashley Ave. and several parks.

The destruction of caterpillars.



Removal of dead trees and branches in practically all streets south of Calhoun St. and west of Meeting St. The removal of a number of carolina poplars and replacing them with hackberry, elm and tulip poplars. To the present time about one hundred and fifty trees have been set out, leaving still five hundred on hand.

Respectfully,  
R. G. MURDOCH.

### PARK DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

#### *Hampton Park.*

4 Horses.	4 Carts & Wagons.
1 Water Cart.	1 Mowing Machine.
1 Road Machine.	1 Horse Rake.
1 Harrow	1 Stone Roller.
3 Sets Harness.	4 Ladders.
24 Wheelbarrows.	20 Shovels.
200 Benches.	15 Chairs.
8 Saws.	2 Axes.
1 Cultivator.	2 Plows.
1 Pick Axe.	6 Mattocks.
4 Pruning Shears.	2 Scythes.
4 Watering Pots.	1 Sprayer.
2 Crowbars.	1 Vise.
1 Grindstone.	1 Anvil.
1 Lantern.	6 Buckets.
1 Set Tools.	1 Pipe Wrench.
4 Brooms.	6 P. & W. Brushes.
1 Shot gun.	6 Hoes.
4 Hay forks.	18 Rakes.
1 Lighter.	1 Batteau.
100 Ft. hose.	2 Lots Wire.

#### *Lower Wards Parks.*

2 Ladders.	2 Lawns mowers.
4 Shovels.	2 Mattocks.
2 Rakes.	4 Wheelbarrows.

2 Saws.	2 Brooms.
2 Watering pots.	200 Ft. hose.
4 Hoes.	1 Axe.
2 Pruning Shears.	2 Scythes.

*Upper Wards Parks.*

2 Ladders.	2 Lawn Mowers.
2 Wheelbarrows.	2 Saws.
2 Pruning Shears.	2 Rakes.
2 Hoes.	1 Spade.
1 Scythe.	2 Buckets.
2 Brooms.	1 Axe.

*Shade Trees and Grass Plots.*

4 Ladders.	6 Pruning Shears.
4 Saws.	3 Axes.
1 Wheelbarrow.	3 Shovels.
2 Picks.	3 Trowels.
1 Hammer.	1 Adze.
2 Chisels.	4 Gouges.
2 Mallets.	2 Buckets.

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

PARK COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 31, 1910.

## APPROPRIATION BY CITY COUNCIL.

Salary of Superintendent.....	\$ 1,000.00
Salary of Secretary.....	300.00
Salary of Gardener.....	720.00
Salary of Police.....	1,000.00
Care of Parks.....	5,280.00
Maintenance of Parks.....	2,900.00
Improvements of Parks.....	1,000.00
Roadway Chicora Park.....	3,500.00
Music.....	300.00
On account of purchase of land.....	2,000.00
Interest on same.....	600.00
Shade trees and grass lots.....	2,000.00
Total.....	\$ 20,600.00

*Special Appropriation:*

For Marsh Lands at Hampton Park.....	250.00
	<u>\$ 20,850.00</u>

## EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1910.

Hampton Park.....	\$ 5,893.69
Upper Wards Parks.....	1,737.68
Lower Wards Parks.....	1,997.87
Shade trees and grass plots.....	3,026.81
Administration.....	1,694.47
Chicora Park.....	185.70
Chicora Park Roadway.....	3,465.25
On account purchase of land.....	2,000.00
Interest on same.....	600.00
Purchase of Marsh land.....	227.50
Carried into City Treasury to Gen'l Income Acct.....	21.03
	<u>\$ 20,850.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1910.

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*HAMPTON PARK:*

Care, Labor, Police, etc .....	\$ 4,484.98
Maintenance—labor, cartage, signs, 1 cart, lumber, hardware, paint, 12 wheelbarrows, ladder, and repairing trees .....	846.97
Improvements—gravel road and drinking fountain .....	428.10
Trees, plants, seeds and bulbs .....	69.39
Incidentals—insurance, car tickets, etc .....	64.25
	—————\$ 5 893.69

*CHICORA PARK:*

Paid Sanitary & Drainage Commission .....	\$ 185.70
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*UPPER WARDS PARKS:*

Hampstead Mall, Aiken Park, Flynn's Church Grounds, Lucas Street Park and Mitchell School Ground—care, labor, etc .....	\$ 1,240.92
Maintenance—hardware, lumber, paint, and cartage .....	192.02
Improvement—fencing Mitchell Play Ground .....	196.15
Trees, plants and lawn grass .....	108.59
	—————\$ 1,737.68

*LOWER WARDS PARKS:*

Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park—care, labor, Davey Tree Expert .....	\$ 1,385.07
Maintenance—cartage, lumber, paint, electric light, repairs to Battery wall, and repairs to Washington Square Gate .....	504.60
Trees and plants .....	92.20
Improvement—electric light fixtures on Battery Band Stand .....	16.00
	—————\$ 1,997.87

*SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS:*

Care, labor, etc .....	\$ 2,068.91
Maintenance—planting trees, cartage, hardware, tools, cement, horse, wagon, and harness .....	326.20
Trees and grass .....	611.70
Incidentals .....	20.00
	—————\$ 3,026.81

*ADMINISTRATION:*

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.00
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00
Incidentals—car tickets, for Superintendent, printing, stationery and advertising for bids .....	114.47
Music .....	280.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,694.47

*SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS:*

For Roadway, Chicora Park .....	\$ 3,465.25
For purchase of Marsh lands .....	227.50
For on account of purchase of land .....	2,000.00
For interest on bond .....	600.00
	<hr/> \$ 6,292.75
Total expenditure .....	\$20,828.97
Carried into City Treasury .....	21.03
	<hr/> \$20,850.00

*Income Park Commissioners for 1910.*

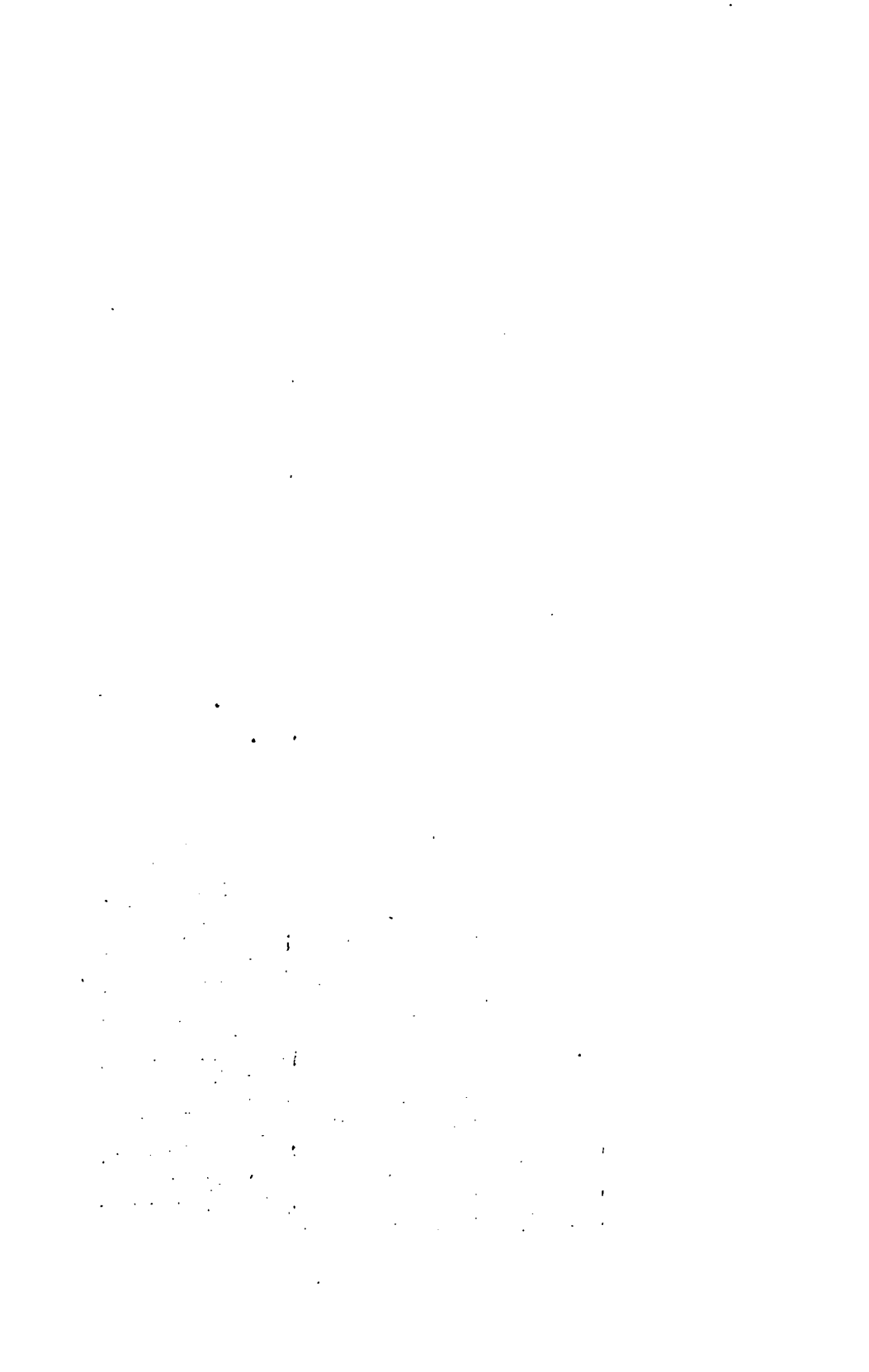
Carried to the General Income Account of the City for rent of the Rhett Farm .....	\$ 880.00
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## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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William M. Bird                      Frank R. Frost  
Fritz Thee                              Waring P. Carrington  
William J. Storen                      Andrew A. Kroeg  
George W. Williams                      John P. Grace, *Mayor*

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Andrew A. Kroeg, *Secretary*  
51 Broad Street

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### COMMITTEES

#### CHICORA PARK COMMITTEE

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John P. Grace                              A. A. Kroeg

#### HAMPTON PARK COMMITTEE.

Charles R. Valk, *Chairman*  
Samuel Lapham                              John P. Grace

#### SHADE TREE COMMITTEE.

W. P. Carrington, *Chairman*  
Fritz Thee                                      Wm. J. Storen

#### UPPER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE.

Wm. J. Storen, *Chairman*  
A. A. Kroeg                                      Fritz Thee

#### LOWER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE.

Waring P. Carrington, *Chairman*  
Frank R. Frost                                      Wm. M. Bird



## SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*To the Honorable the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen: In accordance with the requirements of the City Ordinances, we take pleasure in presenting herewith, the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1911, with a statement of its receipts and disbursements, vouchers for the same being on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

### HAMPTON PARK.

A bungalow shelter for women and children has been erected adjacent to the playground established in this Park. Close observation shows that the establishment of this playground has been appreciated by the steady increase in the number of children making use of it, and of its recreation features.

Two lawn tennis courts have been laid out near the Park entrance, with shed and lockers, and these courts are in constant use.

The roads and walks on the Rhett Farm extension of this Park, have been laid out under the direction of Olmsted Bros., landscape architects, and the trees along the same as per planting plans, have been set out and as fast as funds are appropriated for the purpose, these roads and walks will be built.

The storm of August 27th-28th, did considerable damage to the buildings and trees at this Park, and completely destroyed the railroad station. The large oak trees on the river bank suffered the greatest from the storm, three being completely destroyed, and also two buildings. The storm damage has been effaced to a considerable extent, the trees straightened, pruned and replaced. The buildings, band-stand and pergola repaired. Arrangements have been made with Consolidated Railway Company for the re-building of the railroad station.

to the Board that this Park, being of medium size, would be a good location for a playground, and can be converted to this use at a medium cost. The Board would be agreeable to the placing of this Park in the care of the Playground Commission, in order that it can maintain it as a playground.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

A large number of trees have been set out during the past year in the grass plots bordering on the various streets of the City, as well as on the streets of the City.

The destruction of these trees from the storm was large, and made more extensive by falling poles and wires. About 40 per cent. of the young trees were lost from effects of the storm and about 15 per cent. killed by being eaten by horses. This latter cause of the destruction of trees could be to a great extent stopped by the passage of Ordinances relating thereto, provided the citizens would take an interest in tree protection and report all violations of the same so that there would be an enforcement of the Ordinances. Unless the interest is taken by the residents on the streets on which trees are planted, in the protection of the trees it is impossible by Ordinance to protect the trees. The Board is now substituting wire tree boxes in place of wooden lath tree boxes, with the hope that to some extent it may decrease the damage to trees by horses.

### IMPROVEMENTS.

All improvements are being made in accordance with the plans of the landscape architects, so that all expenditures will be made towards the accomplishment of finished results. These improvements, however, are slow as the appropriations are mainly for care, maintenance and administration, and but a small amount for improvements. Compared with other cities of our size, the appropriation for Parks is small, but being a direct tax it cannot be expected to compare with those cities,



In White Point Garden.





which make their park improvements by a bond issue and therefore have only to provide for the interest and a sinking fund, instead of paying at once for improvements by a direct tax.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

By Samuel Lapham, *Chairman*

A. A. KROEG, *Secretary*.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Board of Park Commissioners:*

Gentlemen: I herewith present an account of the work accomplished during the year ending December 31, 1911.

### HAMPTON PARK.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Bungalow shelter, complete with toilets, etc., for women and children has been erected. Cement walks laid at East and West entrances to the sunken garden. Two additional electric arc lights installed. Cement steps placed at East and West of the Pergola. Sanitary drinking fountains placed on North and South side of Park. New shed and lockers erected at the tennis court.

MAINTENANCE.—Improved out-let gate North end sunken garden. Drainage canal dug through the marsh at Southwest end of Park. Drains laid under roadway in the Southwest and Northwest extension. Keeper's cottage, stable and barns repaired and painted. Band-stand repaired. Bridges repaired. Benches and implements repaired and painted and new purchased to replace those obsolete. Driveways extended and sycamore and pin oaks trees planted along the same. Sunken garden road planted with hackberry trees. New trees set out along the walks on the West end extension. Trees as required transplanted, pruned and

the storm damage obliterated. One hundred elm trees have been purchased to be set out along the walks as extended to the West. Two white swans, two black swans and one Egyptian goose have been purchased to replace those killed by a mink or dogs.

**CARE.**—The sunken garden, rose beds, flowers and lawns have been kept in good condition. Twelve azalia plants set out. New beds prepared for crysanthemums. Farm lands plowed and 29 acres sowed in oats, Hay and oats sold, over needs of the Park, for \$354.95, and proceeds turned into the City Treasury. Raised a number of young ducks and one Egyptian goose. A watchman's clock system installed.

**PROPERTY.**—4 horses, 3 carts, 1 wagon, 1 water cart, 3 sets of harness, 1 road machine, 1 horse rake, 1 horse mower, 1 harrow, 1 cultivator, 2 plows, 1 stone roller, 12 wheelbarrows, 12 rakes, 6 hoes, 6 hay forks, 20 shovels, 4 axes, 6 mattocks, 2 crowbars, 4 shears, 2 scythes, 2 lanterns, 1 grindstone, 4 brooms, 6 brushes, 6 buckets, 1 anvil, 1 vise, 1 sprayer, 1 pipe wrench, 200 benches, 15 chairs, and an assortment of garden material and garden hose.

### LOWER WARD'S PARKS.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**—Twelve ornamental staff electric light iron poles erected on East and South Battery driveway—White Point Garden. East and South Battery were greatly damaged by the August hurricane. The breaks in the East and South sea wall have been repaired and the railing replaced. The walks, which were destroyed by the storm have been relaid, and the cannon remounted.

**MAINTENANCE.**—Three hundred loads of brick and stone filling were hauled to repair the wash-outs on the Battery. Fifty loads of tree limbs were removed after the storm and pruning.

**CARE.**—Washington Park and the other parks of this sub-division have all received attention. The brick

paving in Washington Square Park however, should be in places raised and relaid.

PROPERTY.—2 lawn mowers, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 spades, 2 shovels, 2 mattocks, 2 rakes, 4 hoes, 2 saws, 2 shears, 2 brooms, 2 axes, 2 scythes, 2 ladders, and an assortment of garden material and garden hose.

### UPPER WARD'S PARKS.

MAINTENANCE.—Hampstead Mall suffered considerable damage from the storm in August, but by the prompt attention given, the trees are now in good condition. A new line fence needs to be erected on the West and North side of Cannon Park, and arrangements will be entered into with the owners of the joining property to have this fence erected. When this is done, Cannon Park will present a more pleasing appearance. Lucas Park has been kept in good condition and this is the Park that it is recommended be turned over for a playground to the Playground Commission. The trees on Wragg Square suffered from the storm but have all been pruned.

CARE.—The grass lawns at Hampstead Mall are in perfect condition and the West side has been raised by placing thereon, two hundred loads of street sweepings, and will now be brought up to the condition of the rest of this Park. All Parks of this sub-division have received due care and attention, hedges trimmed; walks kept up. With the exception of a few water oaks at Hampstead Mall which are decayed, and cannot last much longer, all of the Parks are in order.

PROPERTY.—2 ladders, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 shears, 2 hoes, 1 scythe, 2 brooms, 3 lawn mowers, 2 saws, 2 rakes, 1 spade, 2 buckets, 2 axes.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

MAINTENANCE.—A large number of shade trees were set out last Spring in the grass plots and on the streets, but owing to the destruction caused by the

storm and supplemented by falling poles and wires, the proportion of them remaining in good condition is small. The storm damage to the old trees was serious and about 40 per cent of these were either uprooted or had large limbs broken off, and many of them had to be removed. The storm necessitated the removal of several thousand loads of tree debris from the streets. Attention is again called to the injury to trees on the streets by horses and to guard against this as much as is possible, wire guard tree boxes are being substituted for wooden ones.

CARE.—Since the storm the men employed in this sub-division have been kept busy every day pruning trees, removing dangerous limbs, and replacing those destroyed.

PROPERTY.—4 ladders, 2 shears, 4 saws, 2 rakes, 2 mattocks, 1 hammer, 2 mallets, 4 axes, 4 shovels, 1 adze, 2 gouges, 1 crowbar.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. CROGHAN, *Supt.*

Improvements for 1912, recommended for Messrs. Olmsted Bros. by Mr. Leonard Macomber, their representative.

#### HAMPTON PARK.

1. The building of the boundary roadway about the property known as the Rhett Farm.
2. The improvement of the entrance to the Park at the point where the Street Railway enters.

#### BATTERY.

1. The resurfacing of all paths with crushed shell.

#### STREET TREE PLANTING.

1. The planting of trees in the street gutters to be discontinued, and all trees planted on the edge of the sidewalks.

## SUGGESTIONS.

That in addition to the regular appropriation, that a special appropriation be made for the work recommended and for the purchase of plants for Hampton Park, the Battery and street work.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, GENERAL STATEMENT,  
DECEMBER 31, 1911.

## APPROPRIATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL

For Administration.....	\$5,100.00
For Care.....	7,000.00
For Improvements.....	2,060.00
For Maintenance.....	2,600.00
For Music.....	300.00
For Mitchell Playground.....	2,000.00
For Interest, account of land.....	480.00
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	\$19,540.00

## SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

For Public shelter at Hampton Park.....	\$1,500.00
For storm damage—shade trees.....	1,000.00
For storm damage—Battery.....	2,000.00
For storm damage—Hampton Park.....	500.00
For payment mortgage, Mitchell playgrounds....	7,000.00
For interest on mortgage.....	105.00
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	\$31,645.00

## EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1911.

Hampton Park.....	\$10,307.35
Chicora Park.....	1.08
Upper Wards' Parks.....	1,321.90
Lower Wards' Parks.....	4,676.41
Shade trees and grass plots.....	3,932.77
Administration.....	1,561.10
Acct. Mitchell Playgrounds (purchase).....	9,000.00
Interest on same.....	585.00
Carried into City Treasury to Genl. Income Acct.	259.39
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	\$31,645.00

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1911.

## HAMPTON PARK.

Care.—Gardeners, Labor.....	\$3,837.09	
Maintenance.—Labor, cartage, lumber, hardware paints, oils, oats, and corn, fertilizers, lighting and Amer. Dist. Telegraph Co.....	1,485.78	
Police.....	1,900.00	
Trees.....	402.75	
Improvements.—Olmsted Bros., plans, benches and freight, labor, public shelter, drinking fountain and piping, lumber and swans.....	2,585.24	
Incidentals.—Insurance, car tickets, advertising	96.49	
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		\$10,307.35

## CHICORA PARK.

Advertising sale of tank.....	\$	1.08
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## UPPER WARDS' PARKS.

Hampstead Mall, Wragg Square, Lucas Street Park, and Wragg Mall—Care— Labor, etc...	\$1,142.24	
Maintenance.—Lawn mowers and hardware.....	179.66	
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		\$1,321.90

## LOWER WARDS' PARKS.

Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park— Care.—Gardeners, labor.....	\$2,594.89	
Maintenance.—Cartage, lumber, paints and oils, hardware, painting lamps on Battery, light- ing band-stand, repairs to Battery.....	1,136.53	
Trees.....	90.00	
Improvements.—New lamps on Battery.....	847.59	
Incidentals.—Car tickets and advertising.....	7.40	
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		4,676.41

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Care.—Forester, cement, labor, lime, and lum- ber.....	\$2,688.55	
Maintenance.....	501.72	
Trees.....	727.50	
Incidentals.—Car tickets.....	15.00	
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		3,932.77

## ADMINISTRATION

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$1,000.00	
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00	
Incidentals.—Car tickets for Supt., printing, advertising, typewriting, postage .....	126.10	
Music.....	135.00	
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## SPECIAL.

Payments for account—Mitchell playgrounds ...	\$9,000.00	
Payment of interest on same.....	585.00	
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		\$31,385.61
Unexpended.—To City Income Account .....		259.39
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		\$31,645.00

## INCOME PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR 1911.

Carried to General Income Account of the City.		
Rent of land from Air Dome .....	\$ 25.00	
Sale of hay and oats, Hampton Park.....	204.95	
Sale of tower and tank, Chicora Park.....	25.00	
Sale of hay, Hampton Park.....	150.00	
Sale of privet, etc.....	6.75	
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## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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Samuel Lapham, *Chairman*  
Charles R. Valk, *Vice-Chairman*  
William M. Bird                      Frank R. Frost  
Fritz Thee                              Waring P. Carrington  
William J. Storen                      Andrew A. Kroeg  
George W. Williams                      John P. Grace, *Mayor*

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Andrew A. Kroeg, *Secretary*  
51 Broad Street

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### COMMITTEES

#### CHICORA PARK COMMITTEE

George W. Williams, *Chairman*  
John P. Grace    A. A. Kroeg

#### HAMPTON PARK COMMITTEE.

Charles R. Valk, *Chairman*  
Samuel Lapham    John P. Grace

#### SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

W. P. Carrington, *Chairman*  
Fritz Thee    Wm. J. Storen

#### UPPER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE.

Wm. J. Storen, *Chairman*  
A. A. Kroeg    Fritz Thee

#### LOWER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE.

Waring P. Carrington, *Chairman*  
Frank R. Frost    Wm. M. Bird



## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen:

The Board of Park Commissioners present this their Seventeenth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1912, containing a statement of their receipts and disbursements, the vouchers of expenditures being on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

The report of the Superintendent gives a detail statement of the work done in the various parks of the city, and what has been accomplished during the past year.

The report of the Secretary gives a detail statement of the appropriations and receipts and the disbursements of the same.

The Board has exercised the utmost economy and kept within the amount of the appropriation for 1912 which appropriation was less than has usually been made. The Board would ask a more liberal appropriation for 1913, as with the taking in of the lands at Hampton Park which now extends to the Ashley River, an increase in the number of employees is necessary if these lands are to be brought up to the standard of the older part of this park, and if the beauty of this park and its recreation facilities are to be maintained to its past standard.

### CHICORA PARK.

With the establishment of the Charleston Navy Yard, by the sale to the United States Government for a site for the Navy Yard, of the entire water front of this park, and the tract sold extending westward from the Cooper River to Chicora Parkway, the remainder of this tract of land was discontinued as a park. There has been



established on the land purchased by the United States the Navy Yard, the Navy Hospital, and the Marine Barracks, all of which have added materially to the welfare of the city. The part of Chicora Park retained by the city has not been developed, and with the trend of improvements in this part of the county, this land should eventually prove a valuable asset of the city. The Charleston Consolidated Railway & Lighting Co. at present operates an Electric Line from the city to the terminus of the same at the South Gate of the Navy Yard. This company has been requested to extend this line along the south and west sides of the Navy Yard and north therefrom to the Burton Mills. The Commandant of the Navy Yard is desirous that this extension be made and thus the electric cars pass the west gates of the Marine Barracks, the Naval Hospital and the Navy Yard, and thus easy access may be had to these reservations, without having the long walk through the Navy Yard proper, and such a line would be of great convenience to the officers of the yard and to the employees who desire to reside on the lands north of the Navy Yard in furnishing the latter with quick transportation to their work. The granting of a right of way for this extension of the electric car line, duly guarding therein the interests of the city, would give not only that which is requested but would add to the value of the city lands along said line, and open up a large part of the undeveloped lands belonging to the city, to a market.

#### HAMPTON PARK.

This park is becoming every year more and more used and enjoyed by our people and more and more a point of interest to visitors to our city. There is great need of extending a road to the Ashley River side of this

park, beginning at its entrance and passing along the north side of the park to the river and returning along the south side to the entrance. The Board recommend this roadway be built and have asked in their estimate of 1913 an appropriation of \$4,000 to begin it as it is estimated it will cost about \$12,000 to build it, around the three sides of this park.

### BATTERY.

The South sea wall of the Battery is sadly in need of extensive repairs, and as a matter of economy it might be well to build a concrete wall outside of the present sea-wall, and thus a permanent improvement be made, which will last for years, instead of attempting extensive repairs on the present shell and brick wall, which each year becomes a greater item of expense, it having been erected so many years, that the material of the same is rapidly disintegrating. Whether to accomplish this over a series of years or to do it at once is a question of finances only, as the need is apparent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

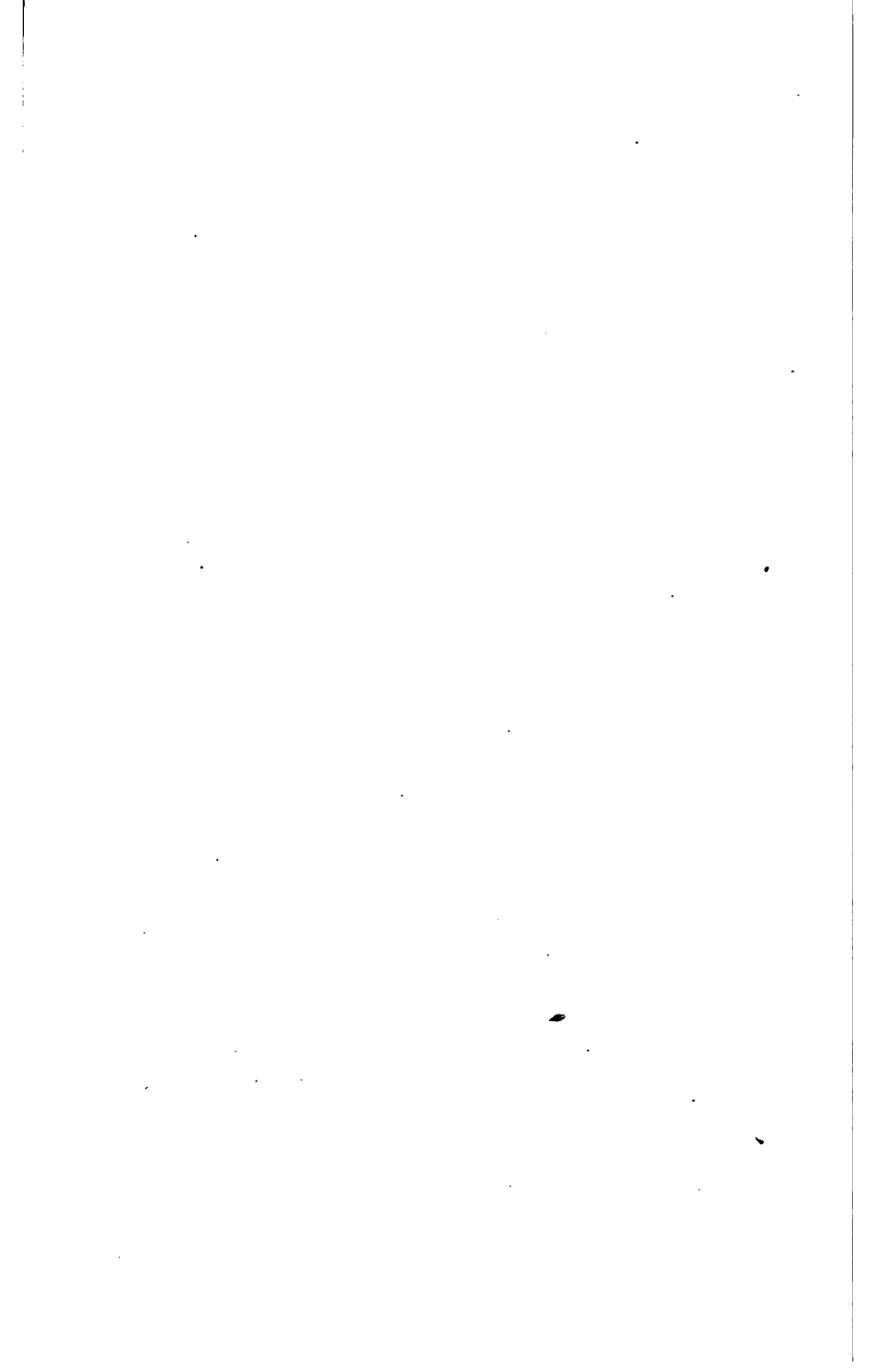
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ANDREW A. KROEG, *Secretary*.



# **Superintendent's Report**

**December 31st, 1912.**



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*To the Board of Park Commissioners:*

Gentlemen: I herewith present an account of the work accomplished during the year ending December 31, 1912.

## HAMPTON PARK.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The railroad waiting station, destroyed by the storm of 1911 has been replaced by a more substantial structure.

The cedars have been removed from the Elm Walk leading from the railroad station to the sunken garden, and this walk has been narrowed to twenty feet. Driveways leading to the north, south and west of the Elm Walk have been closed and the cedars and hedges removed, leaving one continuous two mile drive around the park. Two paths leading to the river have been laid out and covered with cement gravel. Several hundred young trees have been planted in groups on the riverside extension as set out in Olmsted Brothers plans. The recreation building for laides and children has been opened to the public with a matron in charge, from March to August. A new mowing machine has been bought. The gardener's cottage has been repaired and painted and new toilets put in. One mule has been purchased.

SUNKEN GARDENS.—All plants and shrubs have been removed and the cement gravel walk taken out. This garden has been laid out according to the plans of Olmsted Brothers, highly manured, limed and spaded leaving it in good condition for this year's planting.

TREES AND SHRUBS.—One hundred and fifty elms have been removed from the walks and set out along the city streets. Ornamental Arbor Vitaes have been set

out around the bungalow. All oaks and elms on the walk and drive-ways pruned and trimmed.

**FLOWER BEDS.**—New flower beds have been laid out south of pergola. Six hundred feet of new galvanized iron trellis has been put up on the west side of the East garden. The rose beds have been widened five feet and the walk around the same narrowed to ten feet and wooden curbing set. All beds have been put in first class condition, several hundred new roses set out; several thousand bulbs and plants planted along the different walks and this should add to the beauty of this park, in the spring and summer. The chrysanthemums this year were the best that have ever been raised at this park and were admired by thousands of strangers.

#### UPPER WARDS PARKS.

**HAMPTON MALL.**—Several hundred loads of street sweepings hauled in on west side of Park. Trees, lawns and walks kept in good condition, but some shell needed in places. Benches taken to Hampton Park by order of Committee of Upper Wards.

**WRAGG MALL & WRAGG SQUARE.**—Fountain has been repaired and painted. The fence repaired. Trees pruned and lawns have been kept in good condition. The walks have been kept clean and a good appearance preserved.

**LUCAS PARK.**—The dead trees have been removed, the grass kept in condition and the walks cleaned. This park needs filling and it will take about 400 loads of street sweepings to raise to level of Calhoun Street.

#### LOWER WARDS PARKS.

**BATTERY.**—All shrubery has been removed from this park; the grounds spaded and leveled, planted in

**lawn grass.** Flower beds have been laid out along the north promenade and planted in flowers. Shell walks have been given some attention, but more required. The Cannon and Gun Carriages have been painted; the benches have been repaired and painted. Palmetto trees set out to replace some that died. Oaks pruned, and dead or decaying limbs removed.

**WASHINGTON PARK.**—The nut grass in this park is very troublesome, every two weeks it has to be cut out with a knife, as there is no way to pull or hoe it, owing to the brick pavement which should be replaced with a cement pavement, and thus the maintenance would be reduced and the walks permanently improved. The lawns and trees are in good condition.

**CANNON PARK.**—The trees that died from the effects of the storm of 1911 have been removed and young trees set out in their place. The fence that was destroyed by the storm of 1911 has been replaced by substantial cement post fence, by owner of Franke Home. A Tennis Court has been laid out at the west side of the Museum by Prof. Rea. The lawn and walks are in good condition.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Fully 300 trees that died from the effects of the storm of 1911 have been taken down. Several hundred trees were set out during planting season, and wire guards put around them. A nursery has been started at Hampton Park for the growing of young trees for street purposes, for which 1,000 Elms and 1,000 Oaks have been set out, so that in a few years we should have our own trees, as it is a very hard matter to get good trees from the Nurserymen without paying high prices for same.



## GENERAL.

In order to keep within the appropriation, economy has been practiced in every department, and to such an extent that only the main features have been kept up.

The old road scraper and one black horse were traded for labor on the park. The Egyptian Geese were exchanged for Chinese Geese.

Hay has been raised for stock, and the surplus of it traded for manure for the gardens.

The bridges at the Sunken Gardens are in very bad repair and will not stand much longer as the stringers are badly decayed, and an appropriation for the erection of permanent bridges should be made.

The grounds and lawns have been kept in fair condition during the year, and even this has taxed to the utmost our restricted labor force. As each year with the taking in of the riverside extension there is more work to be done while this is being brought up to the standard of the older part of the park, and an increase in the number of employees is necessary, if the beauty of this Park and its recreation facilities are to be maintained.

## PROPERTY OF THE VARIOUS PARKS.

HAMPTON PARK.—3 horses, 1 mule, 3 carts, 1 wagon, 1 water cart, 3 sets of harness, 1 horse rake, 1 horse mower, 1 harrow, 1 cultivator, 2 plows, 1 stone roller, 4 ladders, 4 saws, 12 wheel-barrows, 12 rakes, 24 shovels, 10 hoes, 6 hay forks, 8 axes, 6 mattocks, 2 crow-bars, 4 shears, 2 scythes, 2 lanterns, 1 grind-stone, 4 brooms, 4 water pots, 6 buckets, 1 anvil, 1 vise, 1 sprayer, 1 pipe wrench, 100 benches, 12 chairs, 100 ft. garden hose.

LOWER WARDS—BATTERY.—2 lawn mowers, 2 wheel-barrows, 2 spades, 2 shovels, 2 mattocks, 2 rakes,

4 hoes, 2 saws, 2 shears, 2 brooms, 2 axes, 2 scythes, 2 ladders, 200 ft. garden hose.

UPPER WARDS.—2 ladders, 2 wheel-barrows, 2 shears, 2 hoes, 2 brooms, 1 scythe, 2 lawn mowers, 2 saws, 2 rakes, 2 spades, 2 buckets, 2 axes.

SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.—4 ladders, 2 shears, 4 saws, 1 adze, 2 mattocks, 2 mallets, 2 axes, 4 shovels, 2 gouges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CROGHAN,

*Superintendent.*

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**Receipts and Disbursements.**

**Secretary's Report.**

**December 31st, 1912.**



**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, GENERAL STATEMENT,  
DECEMBER 31, 1912.**

**APPROPRIATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL.**

For Administration.....	\$5,800.00	
For Care.....	6,000.00	
For Maintenance.....	2,200.00	
For Improvements.....	1,000.00	
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

**EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1912.**

Hampton Park.....	\$8,142.71	
Lower Wards Parks.....	1,561.56	
Upper Wards Parks.....	1,096.55	
Shade Trees and Grass Plots.....	1,482.76	
Administration.....	2,709.41	
Carried into City Treasury to Genl. Income Acct.....	7.01	
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1912.**

**HAMPTON PARK.**

Care.—Labor.....	\$3,696.03	
Maintenance.—Labor, cartage, lumber, hardware, paints, oils, oats and corn, fertilizer, lighting, American District Telegraph Co., signs, re- pairs to band stand, one mule, plumbing.....	1,366.83	
Police.—Park guard.....	2,160.00	
Trees and shrubs.....	755.93	
Improvements.—Purchase of building formerly used by the United Wireless Telegraph Co., iron trellises, etc.....	97.35	
Incidentals.—Car tickets for chain gang guards, hire of launch, reward for capture of swan, freight. ...	66.57	
		<u>\$8,142.71</u>

**UPPER WARDS PARKS.**

Hampstead Mall, Wragg Square, and Wragg Mall Care—Labor.....	\$1,020.94	
Maintenance.—Repairs to benches, repairs to fountain and fence at Wragg Mall and for hardware.....	75.61	
		<u>\$1,096.55</u>

**LOWER WARDS PARKS.**

Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park Care—Gardeners and Labor.....	\$1,182.85	
Maintenance.—Cartage, lumber, paints and oils,		

hardware, lighting band stand, electric repairs in band stand, fertilizers, painting and repairs to benches, lawn mower. ....	280.21	
Trees.....	98.50	
		<u>\$1,561.56</u>

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Care.—Labor. ....	\$1,004.37	
Maintenance.—Sharpening tools, tree boxes, hard- ware, lumber.....	80.09	
Trees.....	398.30	
		<u>\$1,482.76</u>

## ADMINISTRATION.

Salary of Superintendent.....	\$1,000.00	
Salary of Secretary.....	300.00	
Gardeners.....	1,020.61	
Incidentals.—Car tickets, postage, printing annual report, hire of busses.....	203.80	
Music.....	185.00	
		<u>\$ 2,709.41</u>
		<u>\$14,992.99</u>
Unexpended.—To City Income Account.....		7.01
		<u>\$15,000.00</u>

## INCOME FOR 1912.

Sale of old iron.....	5.15
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## PUBLIC PARKS.

Chicora Park .....	318 acres
Hampton Park.....	317 "
Colonial Commons.....	9 "
White Point Gardens.. ..	7 "
Marion Square.....	6 "
Hampstead Mall.....	4 "
Cannon Park. ....	3 "
Wragg Square.....	1 "
Wragg Mall.....	1 "
Washington Park .. ..	1 "

and following Squares:

Lucas, Market and Keystone.







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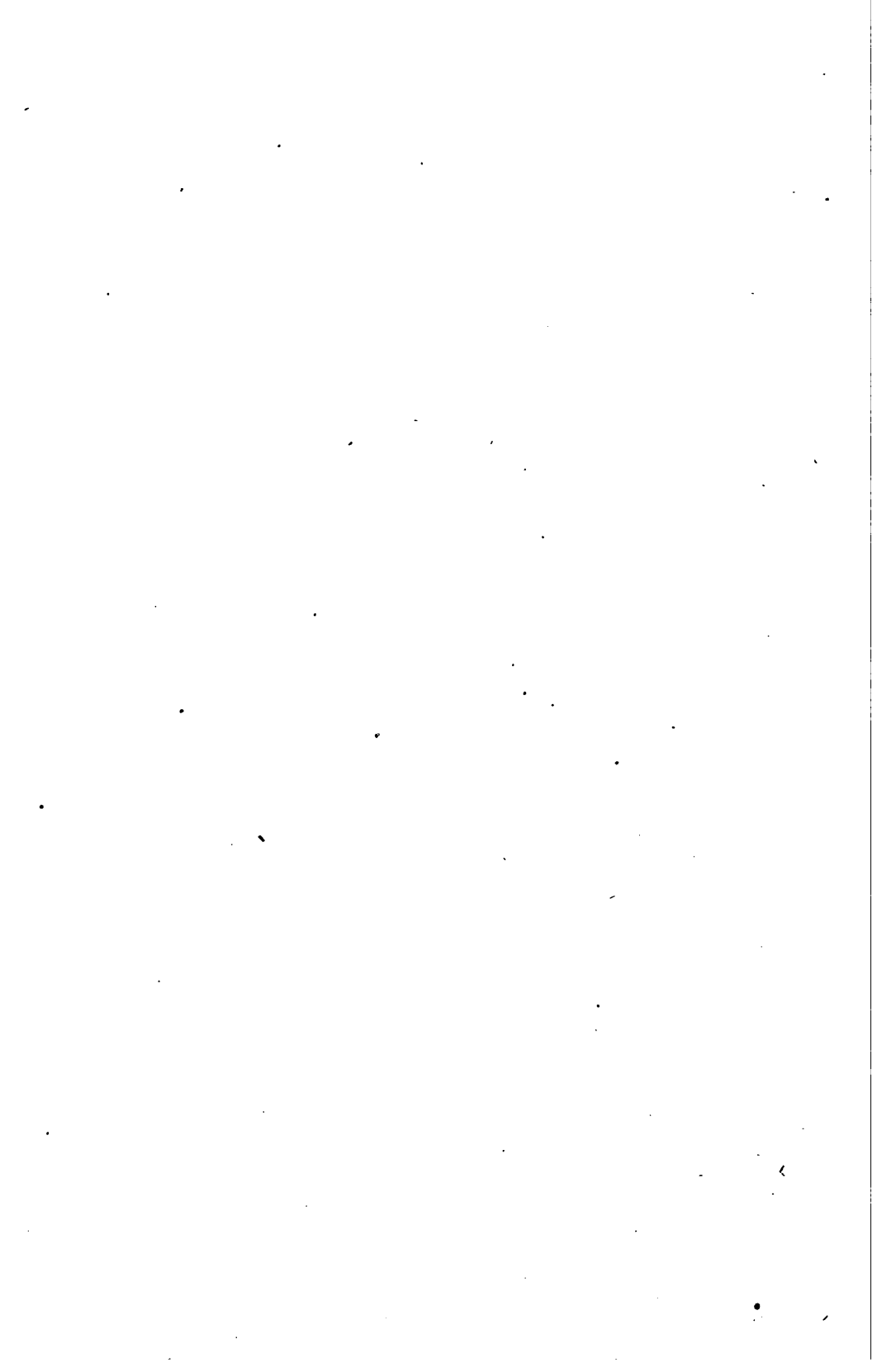
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Receipts and Disbursements.

## Secretary's Report.

December 31st, 1912.



## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen: The Park Commissioners herewith present their 18th Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1913.

The reports of the Secretary and Superintendent hereto annexed cover the greater part of the work of the year very thoroughly and makes it unnecessary to review every transaction.

It has been only by the utmost economy and the curtailment of improvements that the Board has been able to keep within the appropriation of 1913 for park purposes. The municipal allowances for parks, their maintenance, adornment and improvement should not be considered an appropriation but regarded as an investment, as it can be shown that every dollar expended for this purpose is returned by increased valuation of the taxable property of the city, and it is only by gradual and persistent effort in park work that our parks will eventually be worthy of our city.

The visitors to our parks, especially Hampton Park, increase in numbers yearly, and the attendance of children at Hampton Park has greatly increased, and the scenes presented by them in the use and enjoyment of this park and its recreation facilities present the most interesting picture to be seen at any public gathering. This park affords good facilities for large parties enjoying themselves, and many schools have made use of it for their outings.

Thus it will be readily seen that this ever increasing usefulness calls for additional improvements, shelters, equip-



ment, drinking fountains, sanitary conveniences, and care, as the more the parks are patronized, the more the demands, of the public and in complying with these demands even to a reasonable extent, the maintenance cost is also increased.

The residents of cities are mainly dependent on parks for their opportunities to enjoy nature and we all know that pleasant natural conditions improve our minds and bodies, and exercise in the open air our health, and for those reasons funds have been asked for the roadway and walk to the River side of the Hampton Park, the portion which was purchased to extend this park to the river, and which is now practically cut off from the original park. The Board does not expect, nor does it recommend that the development of the river side of the park be carried out and completed at once, but it earnestly asks that funds be given to begin this development, as there is nothing that should appeal more to the support of the people than the improvement of our parks.

The Secretary's report shows the receipts and the distribution of the expenditures, vouchers for which are on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

The areas of the city parks are:

Chicora Park .....	318 Acres
Hampton Park .....	317 "
Colonial Commons .....	9 "
White Point Gardens .....	7 "
Marion Square .....	6 "
Hampstead Mall .....	4 "
Cannon Park .....	3 "
Wragg Square .....	1 "
Wragg Mall .....	1 "

Washington Park ..... 1 “  
 Lucas, Market and Keystone Squares .....

Respectfully submitted,  
 SAML. LAPHAM, *Chairman*,  
 A. A. KROEG, *Secretary*,  
 Board of Park Commissioners.



# **Superintendent's Report**

**December 31st, 1913.**



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1913.

### HAMPTON PARK.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

A new green house has been erected near the gardener's cottage for the raising of annuals, etc., for the general ornamentation of the park in the spring months.

A fountain has been placed in operation in the Sunken Garden, which while adding to its general appearance, serves the useful purpose of renewing the water in the Lake.

A 100-C. P. ornamental electric light has been installed at the intersection of the Rose Garden with the Sunken Garden.

Galvanized iron trellises have been placed the entire length of the east and west sides of the East Rose Garden for the climbing roses. Three turn style gates have been placed on Moultrie Street side of the Park for the convenience of the residents of Hampton Terrace and vicinity for entrance to the Park and access to the railroad station.

One hundred and twenty-four new benches have been purchased, set up, painted and placed in the Park.

For the trellises of the Summer House, thirty-two cedar posts have been purchased.

1,400 feet of six-inch drain has been laid from the south-east end of the East Rose Garden and connected with the main drain through the Dunneman lands to Grove Street.

#### GARDENS.

For the purpose of widening the Rose Garden and to provide a six-foot space for shrubs and other plants, and allow a ten-foot walk entirely around these gardens, the clay

from the sides of the road next to the Sunken Garden has been removed. It is intended to lay out an additional walk around the Lake, surrounding the Sunken Garden.

The ground of the Sunken Garden has been entirely worked over, manured, limed and spaded, and all plants temporarily removed, in order that the general condition of the soil and drainage be improved, preparatory to the new planting of this garden on new lines.

To make these garden improvements 500 loads of dirt had to be hauled to take the place of the clay removed, and two hundred and twenty-five loads of manure have been used in this and other parts of the park.

The Band Stand at the north of the Sunken Garden has been painted, and the bridges connecting with the Sunken Garden repaired, and the swings, cottages, toilets, etc., have all been kept in good condition.

#### TREES AND SHRUBS.

Thirty-two Pecan trees have been set out on the River Extension. Seventy-five Pin Oaks have been set out on the walks leading from the railroad station to the Band Stand. Forty Azalea plants were set out, and many different kinds of shrubs, plants and bulbs. The entire gardens this year made an improved showing over previous years, especially the rose and chrysanthemum beds, and the yield of flowers was such that the various hospitals could be at various times supplied with flowers. Hay in quite an amount for the stock has been raised, besides forty-two acres of weeds have been cut off on the River Extension. The increase in ducks exceeding the needs for the Lake, thirty were sold and check sent City Treasurer.

## CITY PARKS.

## WHITE POINT GARDENS.

The lawns and walks have been kept in good condition, but some of the walks will have to resurfaced with shells the coming year.

An old cannon of Revolutionary fame has been donated to the City and placed at the east end of the Battery.

A number of palmetto trees and a few oaks have been set out and the band stand and benches kept in good repair.

The usual number of band concerts were given during the summer at this park, and were largely attended.

## WASHINGTON AND CANNON PARKS.

These parks have received due care and attention and lawns and walks kept in good condition. Palmetto trees have been set out on the east side of Cannon Park, also a few oaks to replace those that were obliged to be removed.

## HAMPSTEAD AND WRAGG MALLS.

The lawns and walks have been kept in good order and condition, and a few additional trees set out, and Wragg Square has been duly maintained.

The northwest quarter of Hampstead Mall has been placed in charge of the Playground Commission, for the purposes of a public playground for this section of the city, as no suitable site for a playground was attainable within the means of the Playground Committee.

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

The palmetto trees that died on Calhoun Street grass plots have been replaced, and on other streets trees have been placed as required.



This department requires the service of two men, the entire year for the trimming of trees, also for the removing of dead and dangerous trees along the streets, which work was formerly done by the Street Department.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the drainage of the eastern end of Hampton Park be improved, as the old system of drainage has been impaired by the improvements to Moultrie Street by the closing up of the ditch to the south side of this street for the purpose of laying a cement sidewalk. That the Street Department be requested to provide drain in Moultrie Street with which the park drains can connect, and an appropriation be asked for to connect the park drains therewith, as otherwise the grove of Magnolias are in danger from too much moisture in the ground, as indicated by several large oaks in this section having died from the effect of too wet soil.

2. That if possible an appropriation be obtained for the replacing of the brick walks in Washington Square with cement walks, as the brick walk having been laid many years ago and much worn, the growing of nut grass between the bricks, makes the keeping of these walks in good condition an item of much expense.

3. That an arc light be placed in the center of Wragg Square and that a picket fence be placed around this Square to protect the hedges.

4. That the planting of trees along the streets of the city be confined to those streets with a grass plot between the sidewalk and street proper, and only in the residential portions of the city, as the trees set outside the curb line only live for a short time, being destroyed by horses or vehicles coming in contact with them, and in the business section with the laying of new pavements the trees are being

removed by the Street Department for the protection of the pavement.

5. That with the increased driving through Hampton Park at night by automobile parties, the lighting system of the park be extended and also that additional watchman electrical call stations be installed.

## PROPERTY OF THE VARIOUS PARKS.

### HAMPTON PARK.

1 horse, 2 mules, 3 carts, 1 wagon, 1 water cart, 3 sets harness, 1 horse rake, 1 horse mower, 1 harrow, 1 cultivator, 2 plows, 1 stone roller, 4 ladders, 4 saws, 12 wheel barrows, 12 rakes, 24 shovels, 10 hoes, 6 hay forks, 8 axes, 6 mattocks, 2 crowbars, 4 shears, 2 scythes, 2 lanterns, 1 grind stone, 4 brooms, 4 water pots, 6 buckets, 1 anvil, 1 vise, 1 sprayer, 1 pipe wrench, 100 benches, 12 chairs, 100 feet garden hose.

### LOWER WARDS, BATTERY.

2 lawn mowers, 2 wheel barrows, 2 spades, 2 shovels, 2 mattocks, 2 rakes, 4 hoes, 2 saws, 2 shears, 2 brooms, 2 axes, 2 scythes, 2 ladders, 200 feet garden hose.

### UPPER WARDS.

2 ladders, 2 wheel barrows, 2 shears, 2 hoes, 2 brooms, 1 scythe, 2 lawn mowers, 2 saws, 2 rakes, 2 spades, 2 buckets, 2 axes.

### SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

4 ladders, 2 shears, 4 saws, 1 adze, 2 mattocks, 2 mallets, 2 axes, 4 shovels, 2 gouges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CROGHAN,

*Superintendent.*



**Receipts and Disbursements**

**Secretary's Report**

**December 31st, 1913.**



## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

## SECRETARY'S GENERAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

*Appropriations by City Council:*

For administration .....	\$ 4,750.00	
For care .....	7,050.00	
For maintenance .....	2,450.00	
For trees and plants .....	750.00	
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	\$15,000.00	
Additional appropriation, care and maintenance.....	2,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,000.00

*Expenditures for the year 1913:*

Hampton Park .....	\$10,576.17	
Lower Wards Parks .....	1,314.38	
Upper Wards Parks .....	1,110.25	
Shade trees and grass plots .....	1,437.87	
Administration .....	2,462.31	
Carried into City Treasurer to general income acct.	99.02	
	<hr/>	\$17,000.00

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1913.

*Hampton Park:*

Care, labor .....	\$ 4,579.36	
Maintenance—Labor, cartage, lumber, hardware, paints, oils, oats and corn, fertilizers, lighting, American District Telegraph Co., plumbing, telephone, repairs to wagons and carts, paint- ing Band Stand, horseshoeing, flower pots, sharpening tools, cement, lime, \$100 additional in exchange of horse for mule, lawn mowers, insurance, harness, alligator food .....	1,741.28	
Police—Park guard .....	2,160.00	
Improvements—Galvanized iron trellises, Olmsted Bros. for plants, piping, cement and gravel, benches and freight on same, supplies for fountain, greenhouse, lumber .....	1,130.83	
Incidentals—Car tickets for chain gang guard.....	30.00	
Trees—Trees, plants, bulbs and seed, and freight on same .....	934.70	
	<hr/>	\$10,576.17

## LOWER WARDS PARKS.

*Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park:*

Care—Gardeners, labor, cartage .....	\$ 936.92
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Maintenance—Lumber, electric light, repairing and painting benches, hardware, rubber hose, repairs to fountain, repairs to electric lamps.....	234.09	
Trees—Trees and roses .....	143.57	
		<u>\$ 1,314.38</u>

## UPPER WARDS PARKS.

<i>Hampstead Mall, Wragg Square and Wragg Mall:</i>		
Care—Labor .....	\$ 995.35	
Maintenance—Hardware, repairing and cleaning fountain, cartage .....	72.90	
Improvements—Park benches .....	42.00	
		<u>1,110.25</u>

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Care—Labor .....	\$ 1,057.79	
Maintenance—Sharpening tools, oil, hardware.....	41.33	
Trees .....	338.75	
		<u>1,437.87</u>

## ADMINISTRATION.

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.01	
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00	
Salary of gardener .....	840.00	
Incidentals—Car tickes, printing, Annual Reports, and pay rolls and typewriting .....	147.30	
Music—Concerts on Battery .....	175.00	
		<u>2,462.31</u>
Unexpended in City Treasury .....		99.02
		<u>\$17,000.00</u>

## INCOME FOR 1913 TO CITY TREASURER.

Rent for Air Dome .....	\$ 25.00	
Sale of ducks from Hampton Park .....	17.70	
		<u>\$ 42.70</u>

A. A. KROEG, *Secretary.*

**CONSOLIDATED REPORT.**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR END-**  
**ING DECEMBER 31, 1913, AS PER VOUCHERS ON**  
**FILE WITH CITY TREASURER.**

DISTRIBUTED UNDER MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING HEADINGS.

<i>Expenditures:</i>	
Salary Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.01
Salary Secretary .....	300.00
Salary gardener .....	840.00
Salary police .....	2,160.00
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	\$ 4,300.01
Printing and stationery .....	54.75
Car tickets .....	115.00
Forage .....	278.95
Shoeing .....	17.50
Typewriting .....	2.55
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	\$ 4,875.76
Pay rolls .....	7,569.42
Repairs, hardware, lumber, painting benches, etc.....	1,691.15
Music .....	175.00
Improvements—To planting trees .....	\$ 1,416.82
Piping, galvanized .....	280.10
Piping, drains .....	163.77
Plants .....	189.52
Benches .....	539.44
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	2,589.65
Total .....	\$16,900.98

<i>Secretary's Statement:</i>	
Receipts .....	\$17,000.00
Turned back by City Treasurer to General In-	
come Account of the City .....	99.02
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	\$16,900.98















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## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

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Samuel Lapham, *Chairman*  
Charles R. Valk, *Vice-Chairman*  
William M. Bird                      Joseph A. Patla  
Geo. Kornahrens                      Waring P. Carrington  
William J. Storen                      Andrew A. Kroeg  
George W. Williams                      John P. Grace, *Mayor*.

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Andrew A. Kroeg, *Secretary*.  
51 Broad Street

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### COMMITTEES

#### CHICORA PARK COMMITTEE

George W. Williams, *Chairman*  
John P. Grace                      Joseph A. Patla

#### HAMPTON PARK COMMITTEE

Charles R. Valk, *Chairman*  
Samuel Lapham                      John P. Grace

#### SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

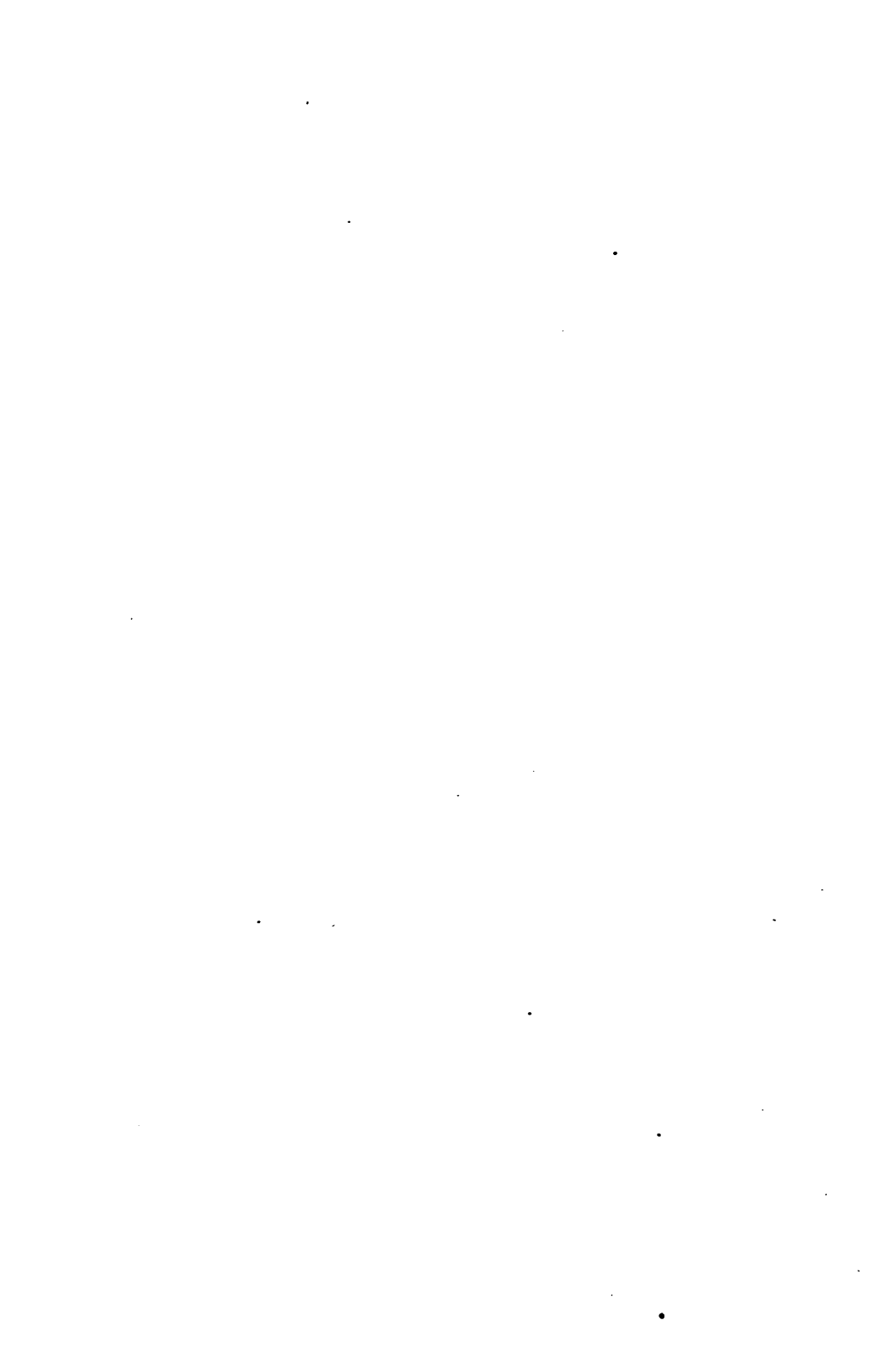
Joseph A. Patla, *Chairman*  
W. P. Carrington                      Wm. J. Storen

#### UPPER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE

Wm. J. Storen, *Chairman*  
A. A. Kroeg                      Geo. Kornahrens

#### LOWER WARDS PARKS COMMITTEE

Waring P. Carrington, *Chairman*  
A. A. Kroeg                      Wm. M. Bird



## NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

*To the Honorable, the Mayor and City Council:*

Gentlemen: The Board of Park Commissioners present this their Annual Report of the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1914, together with its Financial Statement by the Secretary, and the report of general park operations by the Superintendent. Vouchers for its receipts and disbursements are on file in the office of the City Treasurer.

The members of the Park Board have many things in mind that would improve and add to the beauty of the various parks of the city, and when to these are added the various suggestions that are received by the Board from time to time, it is difficult to decide what is the most important thing to be done within the limited funds at the disposal of this Board.

The efforts of the Board have been largely devoted the past year to the improvement of Hampton Park, along the line laid out by our landscape architect. The development of this park is of necessity slow, as the amount of annual appropriation in proportion to the improvements laid out and which could be made, is very small. The work done is, as far as possible, of a permanent character and along the lines of the general plan for the full development of this park, as the making of temporary improvements which rapidly deteriorate, would add greatly to the cost of maintenance, whereas permanent improvements trend to good final results.

When an improvement is undertaken there should be sufficient funds to complete the same within a reasonable construction period, and under this comes the construction of a substantial driveway along the river side of this park. The Board has asked City Council for three years past, and the same is again renewed this year, for an appropriation of \$4,000.00 for the commencement of this work, as other-

wise it cannot be begun, and the same amount will be required the following year, as the people look for results from investments made, by a driveway that can be enjoyed by them within a reasonable time, if the same be commenced.

The Board, by request, has been working towards the establishment of a Zoo in an inexpensive way, which would not require much original outlay and a small cost of maintenance. A real Zoo requires a number of acres so that the animals could have commodious cages and corrals, and be comfortably cared for, and properly looked after, all of which requires considerable expenditure of funds, in the first instance, for their accommodation and secondly an annual outlay for their care and comfort, and thirdly an additional annual appropriation by City Council for these purposes.

As to the extension of grass plots and trees on the Streets, what the Board needs is the hearty co-operation of the residents on these streets on which grass plots have been laid out and trees planted, by the giving attention to same in front of their respective residences. From the lack of such co-operation, the funds for grass plots and trees has had to be expended in the care of trees already planted and the care and renovation of grass plots already laid out, leaving but little for any extension and the care of such extensions, as except in a few instances, no interest in up-keep of trees and grass plots has been taken by the citizens residing on the streets that have been improved thereby, and established in front of their residences.

The Board would respectfully call attention to the recommendations of the Superintendent in his report, and especially to the thorough repair that is necessary to the South sea-wall of the Battery, to avert the danger of damage by storms to White Point Garden.

The Board would ask City Council not to consider the allowances of money given the Board as an appropriation, but rather regard it as an investment, on which the citizens yearly get a dividend in their enjoyment of the parks, and

the city also by the increased value of taxable property from park improvements.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAM'L LAPHAM, *Chairman*

ANDREW A. KROEG, *Secretary*.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1914.

*To the Board of Park Commissioners:*

Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year 1914, and it also contains recommendations which I deem advisable for your attention at this time.

### IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPORTANT REPAIRS.

HAMPTON PARK: The gardener's cottage has been repaired and wired for electric lighting with the necessary fixtures, and a modern bath room installed.

The green house has been improved by the addition of a cold frame annex, in order to protect the plants until ready for transplanting. The construction of this cold frame consists of a cobble stone foundation and walls, with a heavy glass top, and should give service for years.

The rose beds and walks begun last year have been completed and the beds planted. Chains for the climbing roses have been placed on the trellises. Five large arbor-vitae trees have been removed from the rose beds and placed around the bungalow. A gravel path has been laid around the western border of the lake, from the band stand to the bungalow.

The electric railroad loop has been graded and two hundred loads of filling were hauled and spaded in this loop, in front of the car station, and both walks raised six inches.

For draining the East end of the park there has been purchased and hauled to the park, 1,600 feet of 8 inch, and 1,200 feet of 12 inch terra cotta pipe, which will be laid the coming year, as not sufficient funds available to purchase and lay the pipe.

The sunken garden has been kept in flowering plants the whole Spring and Summer, and during the Fall and Winter months it has been manured, limed, spaded and then sown in oats, to rest and get in good condition for Spring planting this garden.

The children's play ground has been provided with three additional swings. Two hundred benches have been purchased for general use in Hampton Park.

The Riverside Road has been received some attention, and two hundred oaks have been set out in the line of this roadway, and a number of trees have been removed and set out in different parts of this park.

All underbrush and weeds have been cut out under the oaks around the river road, all of which oaks have been pruned and the dead wood removed, and the effect of this work gives one a beautiful view of the river from the western end of the park.

The western extension, commonly called the Rhett Tract, has been kept clear of weeds this year, by the aid of the two-horse mowing machine, which does this work well, and hay in sufficient quantity has been raised and stored in the barn for the use of the stock at the park. About 150 loads of manure has been used on the park and around the trees on the western extension.

For the beautification of the park, roses of many different varieties, sixty dogwood trees, fifty holly trees, one thousand rhododendrons, wild azaleas, and other shrubs have been purchased and set out, also many thousand bulbs of various kinds have been planted.

To add to the attractions at the park there has been purchased, two pairs of Hoot or Rocky Mountain Owls, a pair of Prairie Dogs, a trio each of Gold and Silver Pheasants, and one black Swan. These birds and animals have been placed in an enclosure of twenty feet square, with wire netting around and above for their protection.

For the care of this park there has been purchased one mule, and two mowing machines, one of which is a double and one a single, for heavy and light work respectively.

## LOWER WARDS PARKS.

WHITE POINT GARDEN.—The south sea-wall of the Battery is in poor condition and in need of extensive repairs, as several wash-outs have occurred the past year, which carried away a considerable portion of the shell walk along the same. There has been used six thousand bushels of old shell on this one walk to endeavor to get it back in its former condition. The lawns, plants and trees have been given good attention. The band stand and benches have been repaired. The cannons and mortars painted. The brick stands for cannon shot have been repaired and painted.

Band concerts have been given at this park during the summer months and their popularity shown by the large attendance, and the enjoyment of these concerts by our citizens has been brought to the attention of the Board, and an increase in the number of these concerts asked for.

WASHINGTON PARK.—Has been kept in the best order possible, the one drawback to this park is the present condition of the brick pavement, which holds water in deep puddles after every rain, and the constant care that is necessary to keep down the nut grass that grows through the same, which it seems impossible to eradicate. The trees, lawns and benches have all been kept neat and in good condition.

CANNON PARK has received its share of attention, and the lawns, walks and hedges are in good condition, and the grounds around the Charleston Museum have been cared for and kept in condition.

## UPPER WARDS PARKS.

HAMPSTEAD MALL.—Its lawns, trees and hedges are in good condition, except the hedge on the West side of this park, which has been much abused by children and others by the installation there of a playground by the Playground Commission, to which the Board consented as no other place was available for a playground in that section of the city. Some of the walks of this park will have to be re-



surfaced with shell the coming year, and the raising of the grade in the northwestern section of this park is very desirable.

WRAGG MALL AND SQUARE have received much attention, especially the walks, the curbings of which have been raised to their proper levels, and filled to grade with two thousand bushels of old shell. The base of the fence at Wragg Mall has been improved by color-washing the same. The lawns and trees of both the Mall and Square have been kept in good condition.

### GRASS PLOTS AND SHADE TREES.

The whole attention of this department has been given to the removal of dangerous trees and limbs; to the renovation of the grass plots, and the care of trees set out in the same, together with the eradication of the caterpillar from the trees during the Summer months. We have not made any extension of this work the past year, as the up-keep of work that has been done, has, as a general proposition, fallen on the Board, and with a few notable exceptions, no interest has been taken in the up-keep of these grass plots and trees by those in front of whose residences they are. There has been purchased, however, three hundred elm trees the past year and set out in the Hampton Park Nursery and will be ready next Fall or Winter for the streets.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1.—That the City Engineer examine the south sea-wall at the Battery and report on the same, as in its present condition it would not stand another such storm as that of August, 1911.

2.—That a new fence be erected on the Moultrie Street side of Hampton Park, and though the fence on the Dunne-man side is in very bad condition, the hedge now growing on this side should be sufficient to take its place.

3.—That the grade on Cleveland Street from Rutledge Avenue to the park should be raised, as after any light rain this street is almost impassable and vehicles are using the sidewalk.

4.—That more electric lights be installed in Hampton Park, especially at the entrance and on the main drive-way.

### PROPERTY OF THE VARIOUS PARKS.

HAMPTON PARK.—1 horse, 3 mules, 3 carts, 1 wagon, 1 water cart, 2 mowing machines, 1 horse rake, 1 fifty-gallon barrel sprayer, 4 sets harness, 350 benches, 100 feet garden hose, 1 stone roller, 1 grindstone, 1 vise, 2 pipe wrenches, 1 anvil, 1 crow-bar, 24 shovels, 8 axes, 6 hay forks, 2 shell forks, 12 hoes, 12 rakes, 4 brooms, 6 buckets, 12 wheelbarrows, 2 scythes, 6 mattocks, 2 shares, 4 ladders, 2 mole traps, 4 saws, 1 cultivator, 2 ploughs, 1 lawn-mower.

LOWER WARDS.—2 lawn mowers, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 brooms, 2 spades, 2 shovels, 2 mattocks, 2 ladders, 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 saws, 200 feet garden hose.

UPPER WARDS.—2 lawn mowers, 2 scythes, 2 saws, 2 rakes, 2 hoes, 2 brooms, 2 ladders, 2 wheelbarrows, 2 shears, 2 spades, 2 buckets.

SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.—4 ladders, 4 saws, 3 axes, 4 shovels, 2 block and tackle, 200 feet rope, 2 mattocks.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. CROGHAN, *Superintendent.*

### AREAS OF THE CITY PARKS.

Chicora Park .....	318	Acres
Hampton Park .....	317	"
Colonial Commons .....	9	"
White Point Gardens .....	7	"
Marion Square .....	6	"
Hampstead Mall .....	4	"
Cannon Park .....	3	"
Wragg Square .....	1	"
Wragg Mall .....	1	"
Washington Park .....	1	"
Market and Keystone Squares.....		

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS—SECRETARY'S GENERAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1914.**

**APPROPRIATIONS BY CITY COUNCIL**

For Administration .....	\$ 5,000.00	
For Care .....	8,300.00	
For Maintenance .....	2,375.00	
For Maintenance, Special .....	525.00	
For Trees and Plants .....	800.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,000.00

**EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1914**

Hampton Park .....	\$10,261.06	
Lower Wards Parks .....	1,581.35	
Upper Wards Parks .....	1,405.20	
Shade Trees and Grass Plots .....	1,241.54	
Administration .....	2,499.75	
Carried into City Treasury, to General Income Account .....	11.10	
	<hr/>	\$17,000.00

**DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1914**

Hampton Park—		
Care, labor .....	\$ 4,509.03	
Maintenance — Cartage, lumber, hardware, paints, oils, oats and corn, fertilizers, lighting, American District Telegraph Co., plumbing, telephone, repairs to wagons and carts, horseshoeing, sharpening tools, cement, lime, lawn mowers, insurance, harness, alligator food, cheese cloth, hedge trimmer, sash for greenhouse, dynamiting, one mule, drain pipe, electric wiring.....	2,004.71	
Police—Park Guard .....	2,310.00	
Improvements—Plumbing on gardener's house, 1 pair prairie dogs, 5 pheasants, four-horned owls, 200 lawn benches and freight on same .....	538.61	
Incidentals.—Car tickets for chain gang guard .....	20.00	
Trees.—Trees, plants, bulbs and seed, and freight on same .....	878.71	
	<hr/>	10,261.06

## LOWER WARDS PARK.

Battery, Washington Square and Cannon Park—		
Care.—Gardener's labor .....	\$ 1,137.84	
Maintenance.—Electric lights, hardware, lawn mower, repairing benches, gravel, paints and oils, oyster shell, repairing battery railing .....	384.78	
Trees.—Live oaks .....	58.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,581.35

## UPPER WARDS PARKS.

Hampstead Mall, Wragg Square and Wragg Mall—		
Care.—Labor .....	\$ 1,267.05	
Maintenance.—Oyster shells, cement, repairs to fountain, lumber, color-wash.....	138.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,405.20

## SHADE TREES AND GRASS PLOTS.

Care.—Labor .....	\$ 877.24	
Maintenance.—Hardware, sharpening tools....	25.80	
Trees .....	338.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,241.54

## ADMINISTRATION.

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Salary of Secretary .....	300.00	
Salary of Gardener .....	890.00	
Incidentals.—Car tickets, printing annual re- ports, typewriting, postage .....	154.50	
Music.—Concerts on Battery .....	155.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,499.75
Unexpended in City Treasury .....		11.10
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		\$ 17,000.00
Income for 1914 to City Treasurer.—Rent for Airdome .....		
	\$ 75.00	

ANDREW A. KROEG,  
Secretary.

## CONSOLIDATED REPORT—EXPENDITURES 1914.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, AS PER BOOKS OF  
CITY TREASURER.

Salary Superintendent .....	\$ 1,000.00	
Salary Secretary .....	300.00	
Salary Gardener .....	890.00	
Salary Police .....	2,310.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,500.00
Printing and Stationery .....	\$ 30.00	
Car Tickets .....	120.00	
Forage .....	265.50	
Shoeing .....	16.25	
Lights .....	110.00	
Incidentals .....	24.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 566.25
Pay Rolls .....	\$ 7,761.87	
Repairs .....	1,315.39	
Music .....	155.25	
Telephones .....	24.00	
Improvements .....	1,339.63	
Trees, etc. ....	1,306.51	
	<hr/>	\$11,922.65
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		\$16,988.90
Carried General Income Account City Appropiations, 1914 .....		11.10
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		\$17,000.00





